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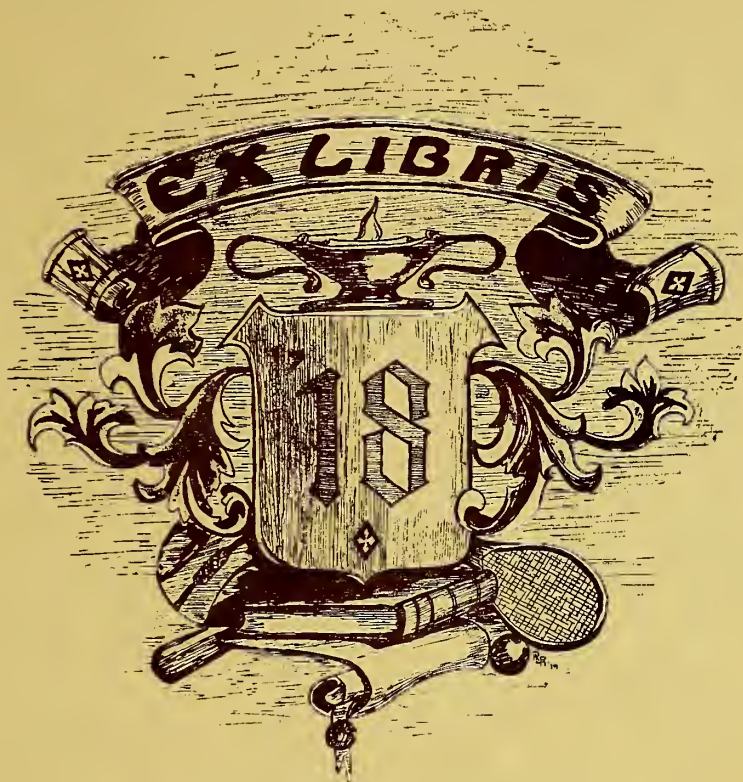


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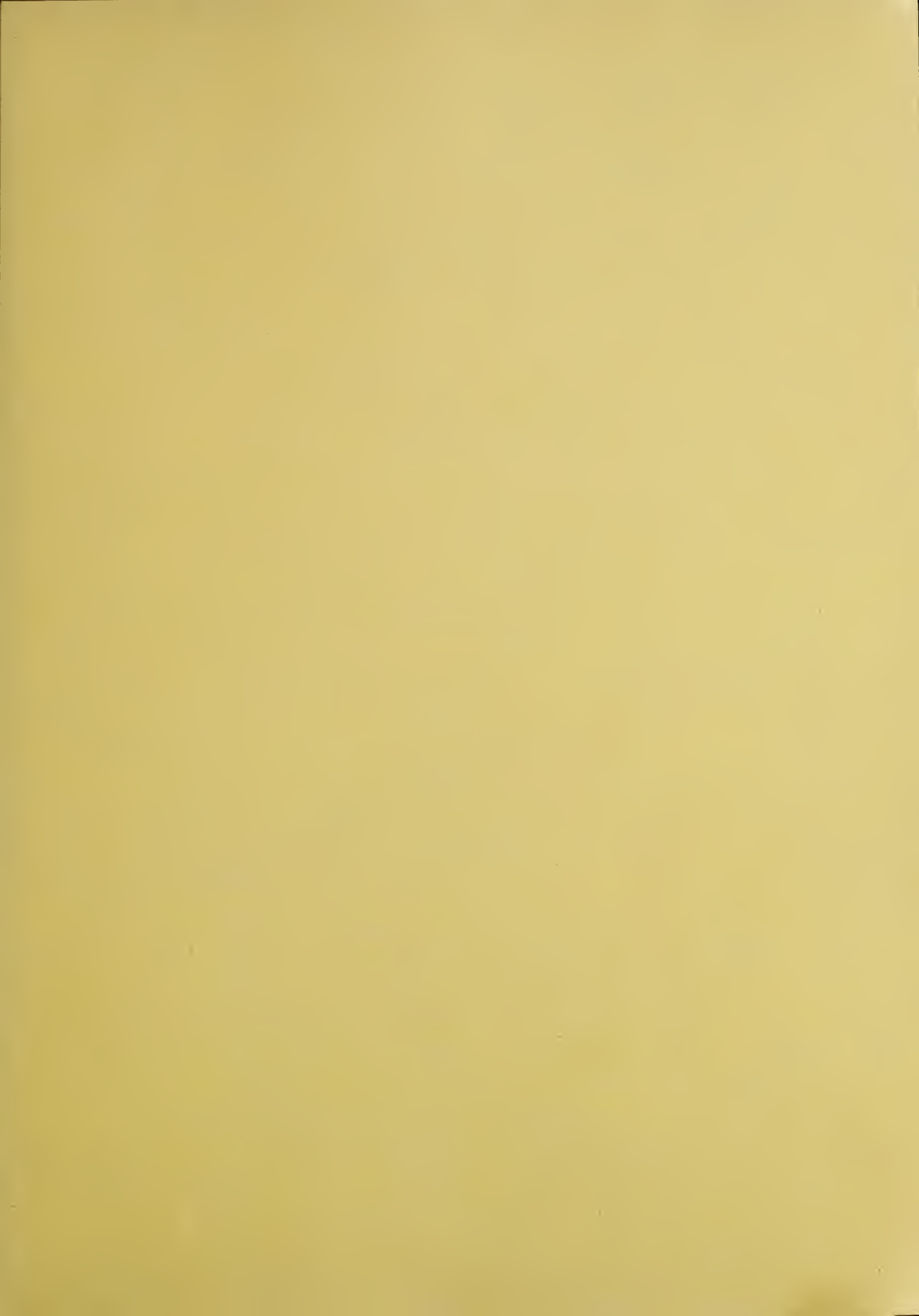
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## Greeting

Another year has passed and left its pleasant stamp on the memory of all. Friendships have been formed that will never be broken, tho we may be widely separated. Ideals have been formed thru our association with each other, that will help us direct our thoughts and acts into proper channels as we go into the busy world. So may you all, as you turn to this annual in years to come, live over again the happy days of your Alma Mater, and again feel that congenial comradeship only common to Bluffton College, as you dream of things as they used to be.

The Ista Staff

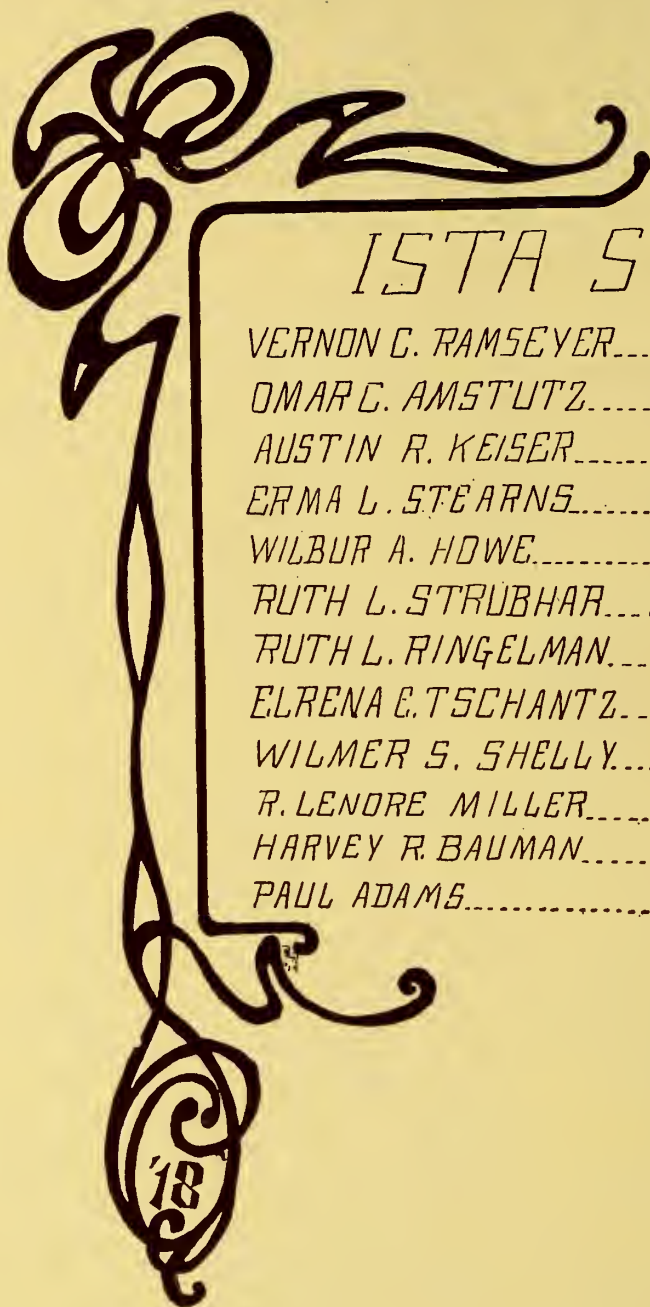




To

C. Henry Smith

The Junior Class dedicates this book,  
trusting that in so doing they  
may in a small degree render him the  
honor of which he is worthy.



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PRESIDENT SAMUEL K. MOSIMAN





The College

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Administration Building

THE corner stone of the Administration Building was laid on Tuesday, June 19, 1900. On Wednesday, October 31, of the same year, the dedication services were held. Classes were opened the first week in November. At this early date all the College departments, including the Academic, Normal, Music and Commercial courses, were located in this building. With the growth of the institution and the erection of new buildings, this Hall has still remained the center of all activities. The recitation rooms are now used mostly by the strictly Liberal Arts and Seminary departments.

It is beautifully located in the campus grove and is encircled by a pleasant drive. The building is a three story structure, including recitation rooms, the College chapel, the offices, the library and reading room. The chapel is a suitably arranged room with a spacious seating capacity. The installation of the Harriet Humiston pipe organ has been a valuable addition to the equipment of the College.

The Administration Building is dear to the heart of every loyal Blufftonian and, may it continue to pass from its halls an ever increasing army of well-trained young men and women.



The Science Hall

THIS large, three-story, brick building which was built four years ago, is constantly growing in importance. The main floor contains four recitation rooms in which mathematics, biological sciences and a few other subjects are taught. The biological laboratory, containing microscopes and various other equipments, is conveniently situated on this floor. In the erection of this building, great care was taken to have all the rooms and laboratories well lighted. The recitation rooms are furnished with an ample amount of blackboard space, which makes the greatest efficiency possible in teaching.

Laboratories are the prominent feature of the second floor of this building. The two chemistry laboratories, separated by a recitation room, are busy experimental stations. A large supply of chemicals can always be seen on the shelves and in the small apartments. The domestic science laboratory contains all the utensils which are necessary for efficient housekeeping. Adjoining this, there is a recitation and sewing room, which contains large tables and several sewing machines. The physics laboratory contains all the apparatus which is necessary in an advanced course in physics.

The third floor is the seat of the College literary activities. It contains four home-like literary rooms. A laboratory for experimental work in bacteriology, physiology, agriculture and a manual training room comprise the basement of this building.





Ropp Hall

**R**OPP HALL is one of Bluffton's most beautiful and valuable buildings and when in the early spring of 1914, construction work was actually begun, the community and college friends were unusually interested in the new addition to the institution. The Hall was made possible by the gifts of Mr. John Ropp of Bloomington, Illinois, and Mrs. Mary Rupp. Ropp Hall was erected during the summer of 1914 and the first meal was served in the dining hall on Thanksgiving day. On December 10th the dedicatory service was held.

Ropp Hall is a four-story, pressed brick structure, constructed in the colonial style of architecture. To the front the large porch and balcony with the massive white pillars add greatly to the beauty and plan of the whole. The equipment is modern throughout and the furnishings are comfortable and attractive. The spacious dining room with a capacity for accommodating over one hundred and fifty persons is on the first floor. At the present, both men and women are served in the dining hall. The well equipped kitchen and laundry are also on the first floor. The second floor of Ropp Hall has the large lobby and corridors, the music room, reception room, Y. W. C. A. room, two guest rooms and suites of rooms for the Matron, Dean of Women and instructors. The third and fourth floors have rooms to accommodate fifty girls.

With the growth of Bluffton College, the Women's Dormitory has been used to its full capacity. All rooms are occupied at present. Arrangements have been made for making an addition to the building at some future time. With its open reception rooms and lobby, Ropp Hall is the social center of the College and is much appreciated by the entire student body.



Gymnasium

SOME new students ask, "Who built the gymnasium?"  
We answer, "Everybody."

"Who's everybody?"

"Bluffton College, her faculty, her students and the many of her friends who believe in wholesome athletics."

From the mixing of the cement, to the driving of the last nail, "Everybody," including Dr. Mosiman, played the important role of concrete workers and carpenters.

The featuring characteristic of our gymnasium is the regulation size basket ball court. We can boast of a floor equal to some of the best in the state. The protruding backboard give an abundance of room for clean underbasket shots. The court gives ample space for classy floor work, short passing, and a clean, uniform game. The seating capacity of the gym affords excellent service to the large crowds who as a rule support our athletics. Bluffton College has witnessed on this floor thru victory, though occasionally thru defeat, basket ball games which thrilled to the quick and which gave evidence of clean sportsmanship.

Our gymnasium made possible the West Central Ohio Basket Ball Tournament, held under the auspices of the Bluffton College Athletic Association. The very fact that we had the opportunity to welcome such a goodly bunch of strong, athletic, young men insures with us a greater feeling of fellowship for those around us, outside of our College Halls.

Thus, to you, our Gymnasium, we dedicate this page hoping that athletic events which have taken place beneath your roof will ever cling to us as some of the best experiences of our College days. Thy sides have fairly been split with our outbursts of enthusiasm for our teams and right well are you doing your bit in immortalizing the good spirit of Bluffton College.



*Music Hall and Men's Cottage*

**M**USIC HALL, as the name indicates, is a place of music. The first floor of this frame building is used mainly in the interest of the conservatory. Three rooms, each of which is furnished with a piano, are used for recitation purposes. Voice, piano, history and theory of music and instrumental music are taught in these rooms. When they are not occupied during the day by classes they are used for practice purposes. The atmosphere around this building is always saturated with musical sounds. The spacious reception room affords great convenience to the students. A victrola and player piano are their popular entertainers.

The second floor of Music Hall serves as a men's dormitory. The rooms are heated by steam and illuminated by electricity. The furniture of each room consists of a table, bookshelf, dresser, a rug, three chairs and a bed. Sixteen men can be accommodated in this building.

The Men's Cottage is a two-story frame building adjoining Music Hall. It is used solely as a dormitory for men. The six rooms afford ample accommodation for twelve men.





Heating Plant

**W**HEN the mornings are cold and frosty, it is pleasant to watch the black smoke curl thru the air from the top of the smoke stack of the heating plant. This plant is the source of heat, not only for the six College buildings, but also for four private residences. Both the building and the smoke stack are built of brick.

The boiler is of the locomotive type. Its dimensions are eighteen feet by seventy-two inches. The strength of the boiler is approximately one hundred and eighty horse power. Altho it is a powerful structure, it is oftentimes taxed to its utmost capacity in extreme cold weather. Plans are in progress by which more heat can be supplied to the various buildings. It is hoped that the new additions will be completed by fall.

The heating plant contains a large brick coal bin. This bin has a capacity of approximately one hundred and twenty tons. A large supply of coal can thus be stored in a convenient place whenever attainable.



**Proposed Men's Dormitory**

ONE of the objects of the great forward movement of Bluffton College, was to provide a much needed dormitory for men students in our institutions. The plans for the same were drawn by the well known architects McLaughlin and Hulsken of Lima, Ohio, and submitted at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees February 1, 1917. The above cut shows the building to be of much the same style as Ropp Hall. Accommodations will provide for seventy-five roomers.

The estimate cost is \$35,000 of which a little more than \$3000 has been subscribed to date. The erection of the building has been postponed due to the abnormal conditions brought about by the war, but the construction will be begun as soon as conditions warrant.

Just as Ropp Hall was made possible thru the generosity of the Ropps of Bloomington, Illinois, the opportunity is yet open for some friend of the boys of Bluffton College to provide this much needed building as an enduring movement of their faith in the possibilities of creating Christian young manhood in and thru their donations.





*The Gateway to Opportunity*

To speak of a gateway to opportunity undoubtedly appears to some people as gross an inconsistency as speaking of Ponce de Leon's Fountain of Youth. We accede this supposition if Opportunity's Gateway symbolizes spontaneous and wholesale accumulation as the lapping of the clear and sparkling waters of the Ponce de Leon's Fountain typifies the gift of perpetual youth.

But if a young person should be placed in such an environment, that the scope of his intellectual eye be so widened as to comprehend in some measure Nature's enigmas, to understand the whims of humanity and to rejoice in his joys and sympathize in his sorrows, that a knowledge of the laws governing life and humanity be obtained to enable him to better enjoy life, and that he be prepared for his chosen vocation and life's work in such a manner as to render the greatest possible service to humanity, then, and only then would he have truly entered the Gateway of Opportunity. Such a Gateway, and in no wise idealized, young people have found the one pictured above to be.



Twilight on the Campus

SUNSET, the beautiful close of a balmy spring day! The radiant sun sinks slowly behind the distant horizon and casts over the bolder colors of the trees, flowers, buildings and drives, an iridescent shimmer of a rose. As the light gradually vanishes, the tall, stately trees become indistinct and mingle with the bushes and shrubs in a gray blur. The wild flowers at their feet become only moving flecks of white in the twilight. The reflection of the college building fades from the mirror of the lagoon and leaves only the smooth surface of dark water. One last red ray cuts through the gathering gloom then disappears, leaving the campus wrapped in a soft and stealthy darkness. The quiet is broken only by the whisper of the winds through the leaves and by the occasional monotonous song of the frogs in the lagoon. Twilight on the campus is a scene that would make an artist long for more vital tints and a poet for a magic pen.

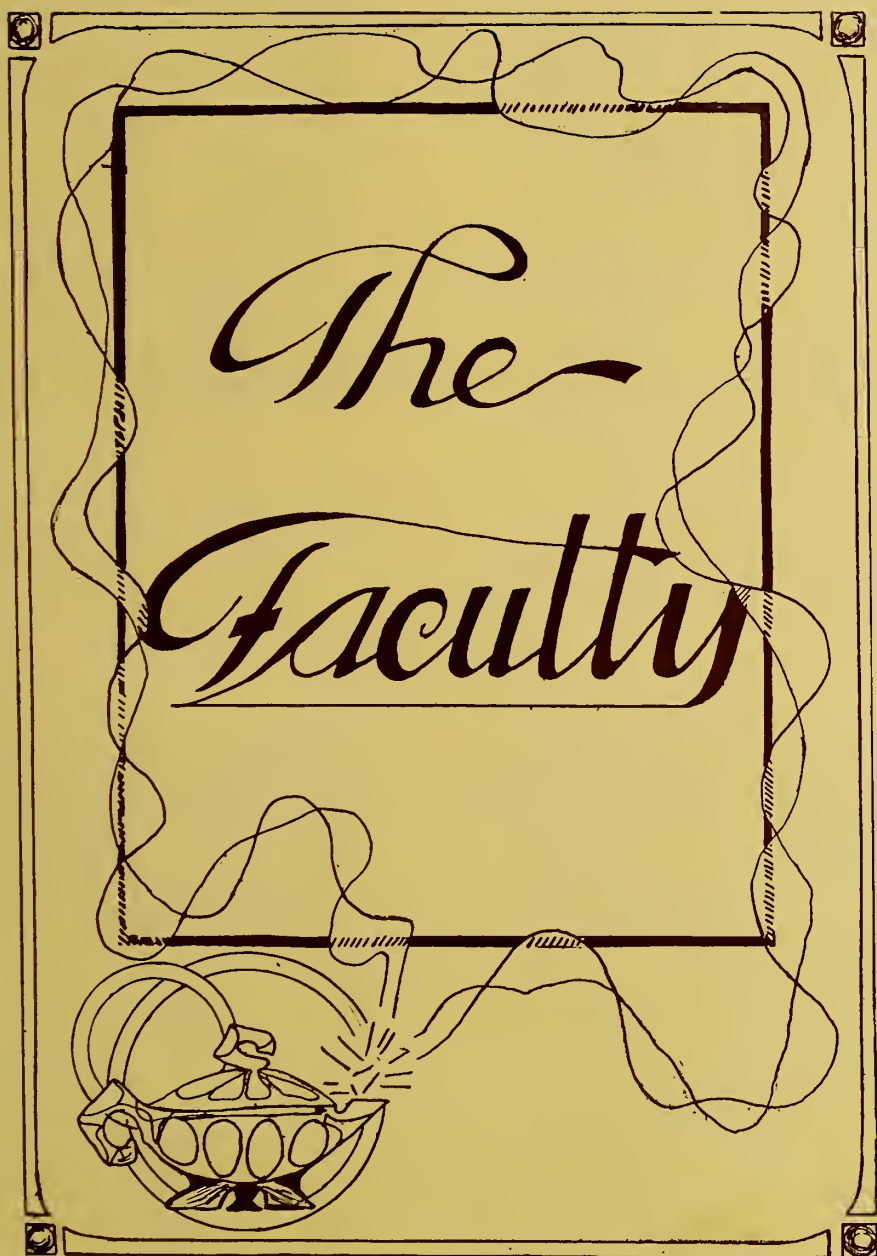


A Winter Scene on the Riley

**I**N the cold light of a winter day the Riley is a miniature Northland. The snow is piled up in irregular peaks and mountains with sheer chasms between. Here and there the blue water shows through holes in the transparent ice. Along the banks, the trees stand black and bare. Occasionally the icy particles on their branches reflect the cold sunlight like rare gems. In the pale winter moonlight the Riley has an even more elusive charm in its shadowy formations. By night, by day, at sunrise or in twilight, the Riley, in its wintry covering, presents a charm unattainable by any other than the delicate hand of nature.









# THE LISTA



Edmund John Hirschler, S. M.  
Registrar  
Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy  
Implore his aid and in his decisions rest,  
Secure what e'er he gives, he gives the best.



Harold B. Adams, Mus. B.  
Professor of Pianoforte  
O! It is his with simple art  
To wake to sympathy the feeling heart.



Noah E. Byers, A. M.  
Dean of College  
Professor of Philosophy  
Stern Lawgiver! Yet thou dost wear  
The Godhead's most benignant grace.



C. Henry Smith, Ph. D.  
Secretary  
Professor of History and Social Sciences  
Through him the rays of regal beauty shine  
Turned by his nod, the stream of honor flows.

# THE LISTA



Rev. Jacob H. Langenwalter, S. T. M., D. D.  
Dean of Seminary  
Professor of Practical Theology

He labors good on good to fix, and owes  
To virtue every triumph that he knows.



John R. Thierstein, Ph. D.  
Acting Treasurer and Business Manager  
Professor of German Language and Literature

Wiser he, whose sympathetic mind,  
Exalts in all the good of all mankind.



Rev. Jasper A. Huffman, A. B.  
Professor of New Testament Language and Literature

Guided by faith and matchless fortitude,  
To peace and truth thy glorious way hast  
ploughed.



Julia Ackermann Adams, Mus. B.  
Professor of Theory and History of Music

Thou guide, by which the nobler arts excel  
Thou nurse of every virtue, fare thee well.



Harry Gehman Good, Ph. D.  
Professor of Education

He tried each art, reproved each dull delay,  
Allured to brighter worlds, and led the way.



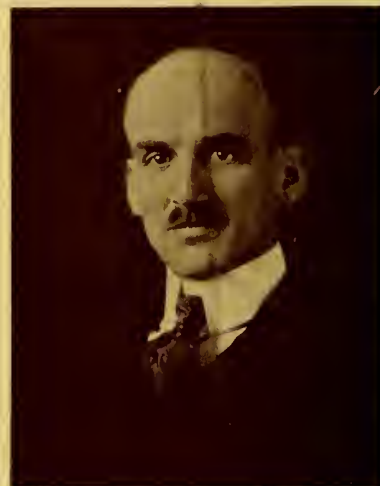
Mark Evans, Mus. B.  
Professor of Singing

All hearers in the song they drink,  
Thank him for giving their one spirit voice.



Rev. Paul E. Whitmer, A. M., D. B.  
Professor of Church History

Our equal temper of heroic hearts,  
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.



Gustav Adolph Lehmann, A. B.  
Dean of Conservatory of Music  
Assistant Professor of Music

Thou hast the power and ownest the grace  
To sing through and behind the mask of  
things.



# THE LISTA



Herbert Weller Berky, A. B.

Assistant Professor of Physical Sciences.

Needs not the foreign aid of praise,  
First loves to do, then loves the good he does.



Hugh J. Ridge, B. S. A.

Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences.

There shall never be lost one good! What  
was,  
Shall live now greater than before.



Edith McPeak, A. B.

Dean of Women  
Instructor in Latin and Greek

Part of the perfect witness for the world  
How good it is, as chosen in God's eyes.



Sidney Hauenstein

Instructor in String and Wind Instruments.

That fairy music we ever hear,  
As an image of that calm life appears.

# THE 18 ALIST



Leola Pearl Bogart

Instructor in Pianoforte

High grace, the dower of queens, her gift,  
All music and all science held thereby.



William Egly, A. B.

Instructor in English

Describe him — Who can?  
An abridgement of all that is pleasant in  
man.



Gail Watson

Instructor in Violin

The drowsed ichor in our veins awaken,  
She sets our pulse in tune with moods divine.



Boyd Smucker, M. O.

Instructor in Oratory

His thought like bars of sunshine in dark  
rooms  
Play on our hearts as on a harp.



# THE LISTA



Alice Mueller, A. B.

Instructor in French

Her mention of a thing, august or poor  
Makes it far nobler than it was before.



Frieda Streid, A. B.

Instructor in Home Economics

Art lifts her soul above its common life  
And gives to labor the fervor of imaginative  
force.



Oliver M. Kratz

Physical Director and Instructor in History

So unaffected, so composed a mind,  
So firm, yet soft, so strong, yet so refined.



Cecelia Kettunen

Instructor in Art

For she paints the oriole's fiery wings  
Doth give persuasion to a gentle deed.



Mr. C. D. Amstutz

Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds

A soaring nature, ballasted with judgement,  
Wisdom without her wrinkles or pretense.



Mrs. Louise Yoder

Matron of Ropp Hall

Life hath no dim and lowly spot  
That doth not in her sunshine share.

## THE FACULTY

As a Freshman first I saw them,  
First I met them face to face  
With their polished domes atilt, in Chapel Hall;  
When I think of their connection  
With the scenes enacted there,  
What a host of pleasant memories they recall.

As a Sophomore I viewed them  
From an elevated plane,  
And I wondered if their highest thoughts could reach me;  
Wondered if my earnest efforts  
Had enabled them to see,  
What a privilege it was for them to teach me.

As a Junior I admired them  
For I penetrated far,  
To the solid inner core of hard-earned worth;  
Understood the very qualities  
That made them what they were,  
That had formed of them the leaders of the earth.

But now I near my Senior year  
And still I see them sit,  
With their polished domes atilt, in Chapel Hall;  
But I see them as they really are  
As grown-up girls and boys  
For the faculty is human after all.

Omar Amstutz, '19

## Faculty Club

THE three great means, says President King in speaking of living a rational life, "are the practice of self-control, work, and personal associations. Of these, self-control comes back finally to the two others." Our work as a faculty is one to which we as individuals can commit ourselves without misgivings or reserve, and one in which we may lose ourselves. This is splendid so far as it goes. But we well know that "a man's world is no greater than his circle of interests." Should our work as a faculty absorb entirely our time and our thots, our world would indeed become small and narrow. For "it is only in the relation of man to man that he stands fully revealed." That is, we see only man in his entirety when we see him as a social being.

Belicving firmly that this is true, as well as in the old saying, "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," once a month the faculty and their wives meet at the different homes. This has been done for three years and this meeting as friend with friend, not as faculty with faculty, has been the means of a better understanding and our "pulling together" as a faculty has been more effective. These meetings are not of a purely social nature for at each one a talk on some question of present day interest is given followed by a musical number. Following is the program for the year 1917-18:

Monday—October 15

Host and Hostess—Professor and Mrs. Hirschler

Soloist—Professor Lehmann

Monday—January 7

Host and Hostess—Professor and Mrs. Adams

Speaker—Professor Whitmer

Soloist—Miss Bogart

Monday—February 11

Host and Hostess—President and Mrs. Mosiman

Speaker—Dr. Smith

Soloist—Mr. Hauenstein

Monday—March 18

Host and Hostess—Mr. and Mrs. Hauenstein

Speaker—Dean Langenwalter

Soloists—Mrs. Smith, Professor Adams

Reader—Professor Smucker

Monday—April 22

Hostesses—Mrs. Yoder and the Misses Streid, Mueller, Kettunen, McPeak

Speaker—Dr. Good

Soloist—Professor Lehmann

Monday—May 13—Campfire

Hosts—Messrs. Lehmann, Berky and Egly

Speaker—Professor Hirschler



## The Endowment Campaign

HERE are in the United States between six and seven hundred Colleges and Universities. Of these about one hundred are financed by the national and the various state governments. Practically all of the rest owe their origin and continued support to the kind hearts and willing hands of those who sacrifice for others; of philanthropists, that is, lovers of mankind.

College endowments are necessary because college education would be too expensive for the purse of the ordinary young man or young woman if the individual students had to defray the total costs. A college education costs from three to five times the amount that the students pay. The colleges provide from sixty-five to eighty per cent of the cost of educating the students who enter their halls. And, other things being equal, the better the college the larger the share of the total cost defrayed by the institution and the smaller the proportion paid by the students. The college has to provide a campus, buildings, laboratories, gymnasium and equipment. The friends of the institution have to furnish the funds for the original plant and for its continued maintenance.

College endowments are necessary, in the second place, to make the colleges stable. They furnish a safeguard for the continued activity, progress and maintenance of standards of the college. Without the security and permanence which endowments guarantee no one could forecast the future of a college. A college adequately endowed can go on building character even though banks fail; and can maintain its standards in the face of ill-informed opinion and ill-advised pressure within and without college halls.

And, in the third place, and in consequence of the facts just reviewed, a college needs a certain minimum of endowment in order to secure recognition as a standard college. In the North Central States, in which we are located this minimum is placed at two hundred thousand dollars of unencumbered and productive funds.

Bluffton College is in the midst of a five-year campaign to secure adequate endowment. In the first fiscal year of this campaign there was secured very nearly eighty thousand dollars of which about three-fourths or the sum of sixty thousand dollars is to be applied to a permanent endowment for the institution. This is really a very gratifying showing and speaks well for the faith of our constituency in our work.

All the branches of the Mennonite church thus far solicited have responded very nobly and willingly to the call. The bulk of the contributions have come from the General Conference Mennonites, the Central Illinois Conference of Mennonites and the Mennonite Brethren in Christ. The Defenseless churches are now for the first time being solicited. The Old Mennonites have not yet been solicited altho some large gifts have been contributed by individual members of that branch.

Most of the contributions are in small amounts and in the aggregate the number of givers is therefore very large. This shows a gratifying unanimity in support of the college and the union movement of the various branches of the church. However, there have been several larger contributions, one of ten thousand dollars, another of four thousand five hundred and others of two and one thousand.

The campaign has made good progress during its first year. Our objective is not reached but neither has our time elapsed. Three and one-half years of the campaign still remain before us.

Have you done your share?

## Alumni

(Written by an Alumnus)

IT is with interest that we alumni behold each step taken by our dear Alma Mater. In whatever line of work we are engaged, or wherever we are, we do not forget our Alma Mater. The welfare and destiny of the present student body is of great importance in our minds. Altho we are not always able to show our true attitude to our Alma Mater and especially to the students, yet each alumnus is at all times eager and happy to hear about his Alma Mater. We are glad for the benefits of our college days and for the opportunities to study the lives of those whose high ideals were ever before us. More and more as we endeavor to carry out in a measure, these noble ideals, we come to realize that noble living and unselfish serving is the true keynote to Christianity.

Looking over our alumni roll, we find that a number are serving in the ministry—both home and foreign—others are serving in public and private schools, spreading the gospel of love and living true to the ideals entrusted to us by our Alma Mater. Thus in our various ranks of life, we desire to inspire those with whom we come in contact, with the advantages and joys which Bluffton College, as a denominational institution has to give each person who comes within its walls.

Our most earnest desires are that our Alma Mater may grow and prosper. Each year as a great number of alumni return for a few days anxious to see again the beautiful spot which has grown dear to each one, they long to somehow show their appreciation and respect. The alumni have not only become greater friends of their Alma Mater, but also thru them Bluffton College has made many new friends; friends who appreciate the noble endeavors of this Christian institution. Perhaps not until this year have we, the alumni, realized to the fullest extent that we, too, as well as the present student body, can do something for a greater Bluffton College. The noble plans of the Alumni Association, which were announced in the recent issue of an extra Witmarsum, printed under the direction of the executive committee of the Alumni Association, show that they greatly appreciate all that their Alma Mater has done for them. The plans of the association are to help endow the Chair of Mathematics. This chair is held by the professor who has stood so loyal to the college for many years and who so well expresses our sentiments in the words:—

"Bluffton College, how we love thee,  
Ever true to thee, we'll be;  
Loyalty and deep devotion  
Joyously we offer thee."

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### OFFICERS

A. J. Neuenschwander, '16 .....	President
Armin Hauenstein, '12 .....	Vice-President
Miss Alice Mueller, '15 .....	Secretary
D. W. Bixler, '10 .....	Treasurer







Classes

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# SENIORS







## AGNES AUTEN, A. B.

LATIN

RAWSON

Philomathean. Y. W. C. A. Secretary (4).

So modest we hardly knew her worth. But her quiet, unassuming ways have not lessened her abilities and whatever she undertakes is bound to succeed. We can already imagine her in the school, imparting knowledge to others, for in her we have had a true "Bluffton Scholar."

## MILDRED BIXEL, A. B.

MODERN LANGUAGES

BLUFFTON

Philomathean. Ista Staff (3).

Take off your hats, gentlemen, to a little maid with a mathematical brain, a cheering smile and a winning way. Truly she is an exception, for since the time of Selma S. have none of the fair sex dared to aspire to the high goal "Teaching of Math. in High Schools."

## BERNICE BOGART, A. B.

MUSIC

BLUFFTON

Alethean. Ista Staff (3); Inter-Society Council (3); Alethean Secretary (1, 4), Pianist (3, 4).

"Sure Mike," her favorite expression when not engrossed in some latinic literature. As a musician and student she ranks high among her class mates. Because of her quiet disposition and loving nature, she will long be remembered by her college friends.



## NOAH BURKHALTER, A. B.

PHILOSOPHY BERNE, IND.

Athenian. Winona College (1); Y. M. C. A. Cabinet (4); Vesper Choir (2, 3, 4); Glee Club (4); Gospel Team (2); Student Volunteer (3, 4); Delegate Oberlin Conference (3); Athenian Vice-President (4); Choral Society Treasurer (3), President (4).

Noah has quite a bit of musical ability but is also very philosophically inclined. He is hard-working and sincere in whatever he undertakes, especially in Christian activities. He has chosen his field among the heathen and we wish him continued success.

## METTA HABEGGER, A. B.

PHILOSOPHY BERNE, IND.

Alethean. Press Club (3); Y. W. C. A. Cabinet (2, 3), President (4); Eaglesmere Conference (3); Student Senate (3, 4); Inter-Collegiate Debate (3); Inter-Society Council (3); Secretary Choral Society (3); Alethean Critic (3).

Beauty, modesty and virtue are all combined in this excellent young woman. Her quiet dignity, combined with her clear reasoning ability, her high standard as a student and her willingness to serve, have made her a leader in all student affairs.

## OLGA KENNEL, A. B.

HISTORY TRENTON

Philomathean. Class President (3); Y. W. C. A. Cabinet (3, 4); Student Senate (4); Philomathean President (3); Eaglesmere Conference (2); Assistant Editor Ista (3); Manager Girls' Varsity Basketball (4); President Tennis Association (4).

Olga is one of our most gifted girls. She has a charming manner, and an air of dignity that is all her own. Our respect for her was shown when she was elected "May Queen." We believe that Olga is pre-eminently fitted to make a happy home for some lucky mortal.





## RUTH M. KREHBIEL, A. B.

### MUSIC

REEDLEY, CAL.

Philomathean. Class Vice-President (1); Student Senate (4); Vesper Choir (2, 3); Girls' Varsity Basket Ball (1, 2, 3); Inter-Collegiate Debate (3, 4), Captain (3); Ladies' Quartette (2); California Representative Republican Club (3); Westerners' Club (4); Philomathean Critic (3).

Always ready to make the loneliest creature happy, Ruth serves as a tonic by means of her ready wit and original tactics. She stars in her class work and in athletics, too, but in music above all. We are sure her fame in the professional world will soon be realized.

## M. M. LEHMANN, A. B.

### PHILOSOPHY

DRAKE, SASK.

Athenian. Bethel College (1); Student Volunteer (2, 3, 4); Ista Staff (3).

Mr. Lehmann is one of our most active and earnest students. These qualities, blended with a certain optimism and determination of character, serve to declare him a man of clear vision. We appreciate his expressions of good nature, and feel that "an honest man's the noblest work of God."

## METTA V. LEHMANN, A. B.

### PHILOSOPHY

BERNE, IND.

Alethean. Class President (4); Y. W. C. A. Cabinet (1, 2, 3, 4), Vice-President (2), Annual Member (4); Eaglesmere Conference (1); Alethean President (4), Critic (3); Girls' Varsity Basket Ball (2, 3, 4), Manager (3), Captain (4); Student Senate (4); Inter-Collegiate Debate (3); Inter-Society Contest (2); Inter-Society Council (2); Ista Staff (3); Student Volunteer (2, 3, 4), President (2); House President (4).

Metta is one of our "all-round" girls; a jolly college mate because of her keen appreciation, her hearty laugh and lively interest in college recreational activities. Nor has she neglected the deeper things of life, being a conscientious worker in the class room and in all religious organizations.



## DORA SOLDNER, A. B.

### MODERN LANGUAGES

BERNE, IND.

Philomathean. Goshen College (2); Press Club (1); Student Senate (1, 4); Inter-Collegiate Debate (4); Inter-Society Council (4); Philomathean Critic (3), President (4); Annual Staff (1).

Dora was an earnest and conscientious worker in whatever she undertook to do; tho of a quiet disposition she could always make her presence felt. Her loss thru graduation will be keenly felt in literary activities, for she was one of the live-wires of the Philomatheans.

## GROVER T. SOLDNER, A. B.

### PHILOSOPHY

BERNE, IND.

Athenian. Goshen College (1); Class Treasurer (2); Advertising Manager Witmarsum (2); Business Manager Witmarsum (3); Y. M. C. A. Cabinet (1, 2, 3, 4); Vesper Choir (4); Student Senate (3, 4); Athenian President (4); Inter-Collegiate Debate (3); Business Manager Ista (3); Treasurer Choral Society (2); Eaglesmere Conference (2); Oberlin Convention (3); Ohio Wesleyan Convention (3); President I. P. A. (3); Chairman Honor Court (4); Class Basketball Ball (4).

G. T. is an independent character; his opinions are unchangeable. He has a keen eye for business and an unusual interest in oratory. Great possibilities lie before him, for it is unusual that one person should have the ability of an orator and be an equally efficient business manager.

## EDWIN S. STAUFFER \*

### PHYSICAL SCIENCES

BALLY, PA.

Adelphian. Class President (2); Press Club (1, 3, 4), Editor (4); Y. M. C. A. Cabinet (2, 3, 4); President Student Senate (4); Varsity Base Ball (3); Varsity Base Ball Manager (1); Class Basketball (4); Science Club (4); Vice-President Republican Club (3); Editor Ista (3); Eaglesmere Conference (1); Inter-Society Council (4).

Eddie is a natural leader, his direction guarantees the success of any undertaking. He is a good student and an equally good sport. Recently he volunteered to enter the most dangerous branch of the army, but his inherent loyalty and courage will carry him boldly "over the top."





## ETHEL A. STEINMAN, A. B.

**HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE** **BLUFFTON**  
Philomathean. Philomathean Vice President (4), Secretary (1).

A womanly maiden where beauty, grace and goodness vie with each other for supreme expression. With her loving, gentle ways she fulfills all requirements needed to say of her, "To know her is to love her and to love her is forever to adore her."

## L. PAULINE STULTZ, A. B.

**ENGLISH** **MT. CORY**

Alethean.

Pauline stands in the foremost rank of the real students of Bluffton College. Besides her high standard as a student, Pauline is admired for her dignity, her kindness and the quiet, efficient manner with which she accomplishes any task she has to do.

## ELLA WELTY, A. B.

**MUSIC** **BERNE, IND.**

Philomathean. Class Secretary (4); Press Club (2); Orchestra (4); Y. W. C. A. Cabinet (2, 3, 4); Philomathean President (3); Assistant Accompanist Vesper Choir (2, 3, 4); Accompanist Ladies' Quartette (3); Ista Staff (3); Inter-Society Council (3).

"Honor comes by diligence." In this loyal senior we have diligence and bigheartedness personified to their highest degree. You never find her idle, yet she is never too busy to help you. We think of nothing that she cannot do, but music and art are her favorites. In fact, we think, that she already has a musician's heart.

## PAUL WELTY \*

MATHEMATICS FT. WAYNE, IND.

Athenian. Class President (4), Vice-President (2); Press Club (2, 3, 4), Editor (3); Y. M. C. A. Cabinet (2, 3, 4), President (4); Vesper Choir (1, 2, 3, 4); Student Senate (2, 3, 4); Science Club (4); Eaglesmere Conference (3); Dennison Convention (3); Inter-Society Council (2, 3, 4); Athletic Association Treasurer (2), Vice-President (4); President Republican Club (3).

"Cy," who was one of our student leaders, left a great gap in our lines when he enlisted last December. He will be sure to hold his place against any attack of the Huns.



\* Did not complete course because of enlistment.

## Nineteen Eighteen

### CLASS COLORS

Green and White

### MOTTO

Get thy tools, God will give thee work

### CLASS FLOWER

Daisy

### CLASS PROFESSOR

Gustav Adolph Lehmann

### OFFICERS

Paul Welty .....	President
Metta Lehmann .....	Vice-President
Ella Welty .....	Secretary-Treasurer



## Senior History

**S**EPTEMBER 1914 dawns upon a new class of Freshmen, green, gawky, awkward and while this embryo of college men and women groped in darkness of new surroundings, the class of 1917 stood by assisting, helping and overseeing. The most novel feature in our social program was a party given in honor of the High School Senior class.

October 1915 found the class only half as large as it was in the beginning, because many of our number had gathered enough knowledge in one year of college work to take their places in the world of actual life. Those who came back, however, began to feel more and more that we were not a faction of self gain, but instead formed only a part of a larger machine. In the spring Clyde Basinger, one of our number, was called to take his place in the spiritual world. He was greatly missed by all, but especially by his class, for he was an active member of the class in all its undertakings.

The third year found us in the midst of the larger machine, and we started right in assuming our share of duties and responsibilities about the campus; serving on the staff of the Witmarsum, Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. Cabinets, Student Senate and taking active part in the various Literary Societies as well as holding places on the debating teams.

The most prominent class banquet which was to be given to the Senior Class never took place, because when they received the invitations, they expressed their desire to have the money given toward the Red Cross fund. The United States had joined the Allies in the great war for Democracy and we were glad to do our bit. Scudder Welty, the class reader, had already enlisted in the navy and was preparing himself to help the country in a larger way.

During the summer of 1917 we contributed another member, Harvey Beidler, to the stars and stripes. War times make a large difference in the atmosphere of college life for there is a spirit of unrest, uncertainty and tensity which is not particularly conducive to scholarly work. At the same time we kept striving and pushing ahead with a certain determination of eagerness to overcome it in a sense only to be able to solve the problems, which inevitably must meet us next year, more successfully. After Thanksgiving Paul Welty and Edwin Stauffer also enlisted under the star spangled banner and now our class consists almost entirely of women.

We realize that one class can be no more than a minute imprint in the wheels of progression which are bearing the college on with a rapid impetus, yet we all like to be remembered. The class leaves a pair of lamps for the Science Hall entrance with the hope that the gift would shine in actuality as the class hopes to shine in memory.

## Post-Graduate Students



A. J. NEUENSCHWANDER, B. D.  
A. B. Bluffton College



HENRY P. PETERS, A. M.  
A. B. Bethel College



FLOYD PANNEBECKER, A. M.  
A. B. Bluffton College



SHATTERED DREAMS



WILLING WORKERS?



THE EDITOR



DAD'S ANGELS



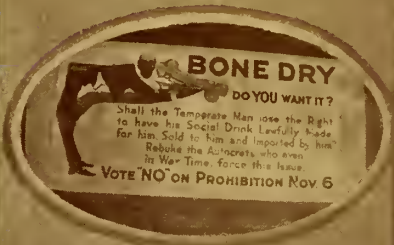
A STRAYED CHICKEN



IN ACTION



HIS FIRST DAY AT BLUFFTON



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FOND HOPES





*The*  
**JUNIORS**





## HELEN I. ADAMS

HOME ECONOMICS

BLUFFTON

After spending two years at Lewis Institute, Chicago, Helen decided to cast her lot with our celebrated class of 1919. Altho she is of a quiet and thoughtful turn of mind, she is a good student and well liked by all who come in contact with her for her kindhearted and pleasant manner. She has accepted a temporary position as teacher in Home Economics but expects to return and finish her course with us.

## PAUL A. ADAMS

GREEK

BLUFFTON

Paul is the only one of us who can boast that his parents are both members of the faculty. He has been with our class the entire three years, acting as our class president during his Sophomore year. Paul always won praise for the splendid work he did in music, being in the Vesper Choir for three years, and this year was one of the shining lights of the Glee Club. He is rather "fairy-like" in all of his aspirations, but we predict a bright future for him in the ministerial field.

## OMAR C. AMSTUTZ

PHYSICAL SCIENCES

PANDORA

A genius, usually found in the reading room buried deep in the perusal of some scientific treatise. Altho slow to move and speak, he possesses a keen wit and versatility in his mother tongue that would arouse the envy of the most advanced book agent. Because of his diversified interest and abilities we are unable to say what will occupy his future time, but we predict that Father Time holds something good in store for him.

## HARVEY R. BAUMAN

MATHEMATICS

MILFORD SQUARE, PA.

Harvey is one of those rare kind of human beings seldom heard but seen. If you are having mathematical trouble go to him, he will affect a cure painlessly. Fearless? Yes, with one possible exception, "ladies." He seems to be overcoming that obstacle heroically. Harvey believes that the finest of all arts is the art of living, and the highest of sciences is the science of conduct. He has the college man's three graces—sense, sincerity and simplicity. One, who can use his cool head, good sense and warm heart to a decided advantage for himself and others.

## ISAAC BOEHR

EDUCATION

HENDERSON, NEBR.

Boehr is one of those rare mortals whose horizon is seldom obscured by the dark hand of fate. It is his avowed purpose to make this old world a bit more fit for human habitation and beyond this his ambitions have no definite aims. Indissolubly joined with this worthy mission is the vision of "blissful partnership" which all of Boehr's friends hope to see realized. "All things are but insipid to a man, in comparison of that one which is the sole minion of his fancy."

## ELLA B. GARBER

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

VERSAILLES, MO.

Ella is our only student from Missouri. She is very thorough and explicit in her work. This girl very seldom says, "I'm from Missouri, you'll have to show me" but rather goes right ahead and shows us how to accomplish a thing. She is one of our Student Volunteers, and is also an earnest worker in the Y. W. C. A. and all other activities. We can predict nothing but a successful future for her no matter what she may undertake.







## HOMER H. GEIGER

PHYSICAL SCIENCES

BLUFFTON

To know him is to admire his spirit of optimism and good cheer. Even in his oratorical productions he is constantly reminding us of the brighter side. He is not only a loyal student but a loyal athlete as well. How Bluffton could play base ball without him we do not know. Or can you imagine a really interesting game without a pitcher? Altho this is his first year with our class, we as Juniors are proud that he is "one of us."

## FLORA GOTTSALL

ENGLISH AND MUSIC

BLUFFTON

Were all preacher's daughters like Flora, we would amire them, every last one. It seems proverbial that they should be spoiled, but such has not been the case with Flora; that they should wear long pious faces, just look at her and see if she is an ordinary saint. Such jesting we know to be out of place for such a lovable, sociable and accomplished young lady, but we could not resist the temptation. She seems to possess a liking for two quite allied subjects, namely, soldier boys (we are not quite sure which one) and school teaching, for you see both include marching.

## WILBUR A. HOWE

HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

TRENTON

Trenton has ever been known to produce excellent men. Our noble Wilbur A. is no exception. He will long be remembered as a baseball star at Bluffton, but he is none the less an intellectual star. A trifle slow at times to be sure, but his persistent "digging" makes the rest of us poor ones look like two cents on the big book whose contents are so closely guarded by "Dad Hirschler." If it is true that a man is to be judged by the large gap that he would leave should he be removed, our Howe might well be judged a man of great possibilities.



## AUSTIN R. KEISER

MODERN LANGUAGES      MILFORD SQUARE, PA.

A Pennsylvanian with all the nerve, backbone and grit distinctive of those sturdy "down easterners." During his college career he is using these characteristics to the best advantage, forging ahead and preparing himself thoroughly for a brilliant future. That his ambitions are not more dangerous to the welfare of his associates is due to the fact, perhaps, that his name is Austin instead of Bill. That he was fully trusted was demonstrated by the fact that he was elected Business Manager of the Ista.

## FAYE MASON

ENGLISH      BLUFFTON

She has chosen teaching as her diversion and fairy-like, she generously divides her time between the wee tots of her primary class and that select group, the Juniors, who are fortunate enough to be her classmates. Though obviously very much interested and concerned in college activities we often note a peculiarly dreamy look stealing over her face, which only serves to accentuate the fact that on her hand there gleams a salient crystal.

## LENORE MILLER

ENGLISH      OTTAWA

"That rare and sainted maiden whom the angels named Lenore." The countenance of this Junior girl possesses that rare mixture of power and beauty only to be compared with that of women who have swayed the fate of kingdoms. Her only sorrow is that the ultra-conservatism of the authorities makes it impossible for her to entertain her class, but she is assuaging her grief in the limpid fountains of English Literature.





## VERNON C. RAMSEYER

HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES PULASKI, IA.

He is better known in college circles as "Ramsey." Capability describes him best. Put Ramsey on a job and watch him drive for results. As a college man he has been responsible in seeing to it that his part in making a dividend of life's investment has not been passed. We admire the man who can combine studies and athletics. A successful combination of this type we have in Ramsey. Mark him close for he would rather break his neck than show a "streak of yellow." Though not a social prodigy, he seems to be enjoying the company of "the One Sophomore," and is rightfully called a good fellow by all who know him.

## RUTH L. RINGELMAN

MODERN LANGUAGES GEARY, OKLA.

"Well, I didn't laugh, did you?" Such are some of the characteristics of Ruth's expressions by which we shall always remember her. This lively queen of her kind hails from the "state of winds." She is a leader in all the social and literary activities of the college, and possesses a peculiar knack of doing things in a hurry. As Editor of the Witmarsum, and as member of the Ista staff she has proven herself to be a girl of more than ordinary ability. After spending another year with us, we predict that she will be more than able to go out into the world and win success in whatever she undertakes to do.

## WILMER S. SHELLY

HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES EMAUS, PA.

Wilmer was one of our most popular students. He always played a leading role in all the college activities. The arrangements for our successful basket ball season were made through his untiring efforts. Early in December, Wilmer enlisted in the Clerical Department of the Aviation Corps, and is doing splendid work in his new field. We feel certain that when he gets "Over There," he will make things extremely uncomfortable for the Kaiser.

## ERMA LEONA STEARNS

LATIN

BLUFFTON

Surely the Junior Class can say that they are proud of Erma. She is one of the most loyal of their members and will stick to them thru thick and thin. Most people would think her rather quiet, but during her Sophomore year she really distinguished herself in battle against the Freshies, in which she captured one of the combatants and has succeeded in keeping in close touch with him ever since. We predict a bright future for Erma, for whatever she undertakes to do she does with a will, and her congenial nature and pleasant disposition cannot help but win her a host of friends.

## RUTH L. STRUBHAR

MUSIC

WASHINGTON, ILL.

Ruth is a girl who makes life worth while for herself and others, too. Her genuine merit is evident at first greeting, for her manner is brisk, her steps firm, and when she speaks it is with decision, yet not unmingled with deference to the opinions of her fellowmen. Ruth delights to "get something going" and has the rare ability to accomplish her projects. Often life assumes its serious aspects and in these intervals she is prone to ask the most fundamental questions and also give the most cogent advice. The best abridgement we can make of her excellence is a "strikingly loyal friend to both man and woman."

## ELRENA E. TSCHANTZ

MODERN LANGUAGES

APPLE CREEK

Petite, charmante—the virtual mascot of her class. Throughout our undergraduate life her calm and modest countenance has ever shone with the eternal happiness of the true optimist. She is beloved by all and the peculiar accents of her voice are instantly recognized as she wends her way down the Campus Drive. One might almost think her a pro-German but for the fact that his name is not Wilhelm.





## Junior History

TO boast of the glorious deeds of one's class is egotism. To enumerate the petty escapades of one's undergraduate life is banality. To mourn the absence of departed friends is futile. And yet, discarding these customary methods of fabricating class histories, we feel that this department has a distinct reason for its existence.

The manner in which the members of our class have taken part in the various activities of the College is only too well depicted in the periodically enlarged and improved annuals to need any vain repetition. Furthermore, our class as a whole (probably without precedent in local academic circles) prefers that its position in the history of Bluffton College be determined solely by the lasting effect of its influence rather than its capacity for verbal expression. However, in order not to disappoint our friends and critics, we insert a few salient details.

We arrived in 1915 neither deploring our greenness nor yielding to discouragement, for there were many of us and we knew that "In numbers there is safety." Quickly finding our place in college life we tried in an unassuming way to aid by our efforts the various things that were being carried out in the interest of the institution. Under the hands of the students, the gymnasium blossomed forth and today it stands as a monument to their loving labor. We witnessed the installation of the Humiston Organ and enjoyed the privilege of listening to its dedicatory eulogy if itself. We participated enthusiastically in the Forward Campaign when it was launched before the public. We shared in the benefits of changing that honored fixture, the Witmarsum, from a monthly magazine to a weekly news-sheet. Together with our fellow students we made up the first classes in Scientific Physical Training. In fact in every department of the college we have active working members and in every worthy activity we are playing our part as best we can. We admit that we are now few in number but we are glad that those who have gone out from our class are proving themselves true to the ideals so consistently advocated by our esteemed faculty.

Out of the chaos of its creation, Bluffton College has at last evolved a type of student that is typically Blufftonian, that can bequeath a real Bluffton spirit to its successors. The fine men and women of former classes, pioneers in a way, were distinguished by a peculiar lack of traditional ideals. Succeeding classes show much that is desirable but in reality they walk where others have already trod. Seeing that Bluffton was on the upward trend, that present acts are traditions and history in the making, the faculty has made it possible for us to be the first honor students to graduate from these halls. Therefore, we believe that in the traditions of the future there will be a little niche for us. We want to be remembered by our deeds as a class that has always earnestly followed the ideal of service and when the time comes for us to depart we want to hold in our memory the tenderness that filled our hearts as we beheld the old College Hall at twilight and our love went out to it like a benison as we stood side by side singing:

"Bluffton College, how we love thee,  
Ever true to Thee we'll be;  
Loyalty and deep devotion  
Joyously we offer Thee."

## Nineteen Nineteen

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### CLASS COLORS

Red and Black

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### MOTTO

Vouloir c'est pouvoir

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### CLASS FLOWER

Poinsettia

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### CLASS PROFESSOR

Dr. C. Henry Smith

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### OFFICERS

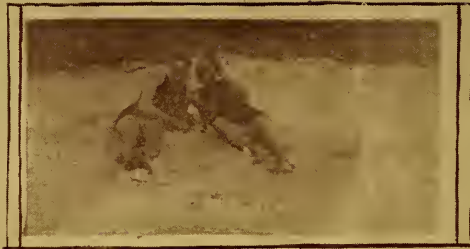
Ruth L. Strubhar .....	President
Vernon C. Ramseyer .....	Vice-President
Erma L. Stearns .....	Secretary
Elrena E. Tschantz .....	Treasurer

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### YELL

Boom chicka boom!  
Boom chicka boom!  
Boom chicka ric  
Chicka rac chicka reen  
Ric rac reen  
Ric rac reen  
Juniors! Juniors!  
Nineteen! Nineteen!





PALM BEACH IN FEBRUARY



ROSE GARDEN



ROUGH HOUSE



ALL ON A SUNDAY MORNING



CAMPSED



PITTSBURG WASH



HAPPY DAY



STUDIOS STUDER



GUNK



JOHNNIE



TWO HEARTS  
THAT BEAT  
AS ONE



GRACE



HELLO YOU GUYS





# THE 1918 LIST



## Sophomores

Ruth Amstutz  
 Mary Auten  
 Rhoda Basinger  
 Donavin Baumgartner  
 Gordon Bixel  
 Beulah Geiger  
 John Geiger  
 Steiner Geiger  
 Herbert Gottshall  
 Ella Habegger  
 Joel Habegger  
 Mildred Keel  
 Elizabeth Kunst

Cordelia Lahr  
 Marie Lahr  
 Lillian Lantz  
 Hilda Leete  
 Florence Lehmann  
 Estelle Lugibill  
 Ezra Moser  
 Aaron Myers  
 Joseph Rediger  
 Lelia Roth  
 Glenn Schryer  
 Raymond Schryer

Oliver Schumacher  
 Helen Schwartzentraub  
 Milton Sprunger  
 Sybilla Sprunger  
 William Stauffer  
 Bonnie Steiner  
 Elda Sutter  
 Kimmel Thompson  
 Clyde Tschantz  
 Alwin Van der Smissen  
 Delbert Welty  
 Leo Welty

CLASS PROFESSOR  
 Dean Noah E. Byers

## CLASS OFFICERS

Donavin Baumgartner .....	President
Hilda Leete .....	Vice-President
Beulah Geiger .....	Secretary
Leo Welty .....	} Treasurer
Lillian Lantz .....	

## Sophomore History

(Written by a Sophomore)

IT is a time honored custom to make sport of Freshmen, and we admit gladly that other classes had their fling at us. Gladly, we say, because a Freshman class which is not amusing, one which does not occasion remarks and laughter is absolutely worth nothing. Experience is profitable; and we found after making gross errors that recognized improvement was the result. If mistakes are made, activity is shown. Those who go about their own concerns do nothing toward the advancement of public life and welfare. Life, pep, "up-and-do-it-ive-ness" are essential in the life of any group—and now in the record of our first and second years, we lay claim to but one thing and that element of our record is—Hustle.

As Freshmen two words were initiated with us, those of "new gym," and we immediately hustled about "doing our bit" whether it was to help finance the proposition or to aid in the manual labor itself. We soon learned, however, that just as noodle soup is void of flavor without the noodle, so would our new structure lack the proper ingredients without efficient, winning teams who should play the leading role. Consequently four of our classmen, "Donnie," "Bix," Ezra and Delbert, found their places on the Varsity Five. This year we probably should have held the same record but for the loss of Delbert, whom we valued greatly. However, when he concluded that guarding Varsity men was child's play and enlisted in service whereby he might guard against the Hun in a much more "flying" manner, we were glad for we hope to see all our members attain to the "higher" things. Our co-eds, too, have shown themselves efficient along athletic lines both years of our college life. Athletics mean activity, activity means a healthy state of mind and body and thus are we able to "do things" along other lines of college activities.

In Y. W. and Y. M. we tried to carry our share of the work and responsibility. This is partially proved by the fact that the Y. M. chose one of our members to fill the President's chair this year. Furthermore the Y. W. meetings placed entirely in our charge have proved quite successful. We perhaps shall have in the future, ministers and even foreign missionaries to represent the class in this particular field of activity.

Also in the realm of artistic endeavor we can truthfully state that we have won a place. The class is well represented in both literary and musical circles. As to our class members in the Glee Club we wish to record that "Bill" made for himself an undying name as "the man of the heavy dress suit." For Hilda's neat little poems, Stella's solo work in our choral concerts, and lastly but by no means the least, Oliver's musical interpretation with the violin, we are proud, and see for them a bright future.

We entered as Freshmen and lo! Sixty-two chapel chairs took on the glorious hue of the Emerald Isle and, this year we discovered to our amazement that the color remained undimmed with the incoming of the present Freshman class. We thot we had a monopoly on green paint. This year more than half our number came back but the color has changed to a wonderful blending of orange and brown. For two of us, at least, the hue has softened into the khaki of Uncle Sam's uniforms. Leo, too, is doing his bit by taking the place of three brothers, who are now in U. S. service and the blue of his overalls can well be made the field for the Sophomore service flag.

As an organization we have not fallen behind in the whirl of society life. It all began with the "get acquainted" party in the reading room, but the society bee buzzes incessantly once out of the hive. The boys heard it first and accordingly invited the Soph co-eds to a most scrumptious affair. Can we ever forget "Hank's" slender grace, or later in the spring the girls' answering breakfast? And oh how it rained! This year the class has met socially at Moser's, next on a sleighing party, which was a top-sy-turvy affair, to be sure. Bonnie and Beulah entertained us royally and reverted to our well beloved green. Long life to the social bee.

And now we come to the end; the end of our record, and the close of our first two years of college life. In all things we have faithfully tried to "keep tryst," and to build as did the natives for Stevenson, "The Road of the Loving Heart."



# "SOPHS"



THE PRESIDENT



THE TALLEST



THE MOST PATRIOTIC



THE MOST NATURAL



THE PRETTIEST

BEFORE



THE HAPPIEST



AFTER



THE MOST LOVE SICK



THE MOST BUSINESS LIKE

THE MOST STUDIOUS



THE HANDSOMEST



THE LIVLIEST



THE MOST TALKATIVE



THE MOST CURIOUS

# FRESHMEN







## Freshmen

Beginning with top row reading left to right:

1st row: Atkins, Owens, Tripplehorn, Amstutz, Kohli, Franz, Steiner, Augsburger, Stettler, Heckathorn, Hawk, Day, Hall.

2nd row: Hower, Huffman, Schutz, Rickert, Lehman, Studer, Moser, Wulliman, Scheid, Wenger, Bixel, Amstutz.

3rd row: Schmitt, Jantz, Clymer, Kyd, Caris, Urich, Steiner, Augsburger, Gratz, Burcky, Lugibill, Roth, Betzner, Steider, Welty.

4th row: Baker, Rupp, Bowersox, Augsburger, Stearns, Wagner, Rudy, Strow, Johns, Gerber, Hilty, Habegger, Basinger.

5th row: Battles, Heller, Basinger, Loganbil, McKinley, Scheid, Langenwalter, Herr, Gratz, Lehmann, Ferrall, Hammack, Augsburger.

### CLASS PROFESSOR

Dr. Jacob H. Langenwalter

### CLASS OFFICERS

Theodore Scheid .....	President
Genevieve Betzner .....	Vice-President
Rowena Herr .....	Secretary-Treasurer

## Freshmen History

(Written by a Freshie)

EARLY in September of the never-to-be-forgotten year of 1917, the peaceful community of Bluffton was startled by the advent of the largest Freshman class it has ever witnessed. From Oklahoma and Canada, from Kansas and Pennsylvania, we came—eighty-one strong—in our eager quest for knowledge. Trains, the Pandora Flier, trolleys, steamers, automobiles, Fords, carriages—all were pressed into service as we determinedly continued our advance. The campus, just in its greenest hue, seemed to us like a sympathetic friend; our exclamations of delight over its verdure could be heard from Ropp Hall to Science Hall. Even Riley "Creek" was unable to hold our enthusiasm.

When, on September 11, we steered more or less safely through the labyrinths of our first registration, we found that it didn't hurt to be matriculated. The next day Dean Byers welcomed us most sympathetically in his Chapel address; needless to say, we did not furnish the upper classmen any of the amusement which he predicted, for we broke all records by proving entirely immune to that most disconcerting illness whose source is generally found in the strains of "Home, Sweet Home."

During the second week of our first semester we organized, and showed our sense of the fitness of things by electing a president, whose height was in exact proportion to our size. As our class colors we chose maroon and cream; the red rose became our class flower. Several weeks later there occurred the greatest event of the season—our class party in the gymnasium. This was eagerly anticipated by both Freshmen and Sophomores. Contrary to custom, the Sophomores displayed their brotherly love toward us by entertaining us with a most artistically rendered serenade. We, in return, showed our generosity by sharing our refreshments with them; they reported that the popcorn was very much enjoyed. Only Sophomores and Freshmen, however, know why our gallant heroes relieved the Sophomores of buttons and other necessities which could never be replaced.

Our remarkable business ability led to our being chosen, in January, 1918, to finance the Annual Bible Lectures. In that same month, our superior scholarship carried us through our first examinations, and in February seventy-six survivors began an attack upon the second semester's work. Our extraordinary lustre did not dull; at last, in desperation, the Faculty decided to institute a more severe system of grading, which we are to enjoy during our remaining three years of college life.

In physical prowess, also, we excel. As an example of our might, there are a number of base ball and basket ball wonders among us who have already won glory for the class.

During the entire year only six of our members have left the ranks. Even Uncle Sam recognized our value, and asked for aid—therefore we have sent three representatives to the colors. They are now upholding the standards of their class in various parts of the world. The numerous members of our class who expect to teach next year may show to their pupils the virtues of the class of '21, and point to it as a model class. Thus our representatives will everywhere pave the way for us, when, in 1921, the most illustrious class in the history of Bluffton College will bequeath to its followers its noteworthy example of modesty, scholarship, industry, loyalty, thrift and perseverance.





THE DIRECTOR



THE ACCOMPANIST



OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

# GLEE CLUB TRIP



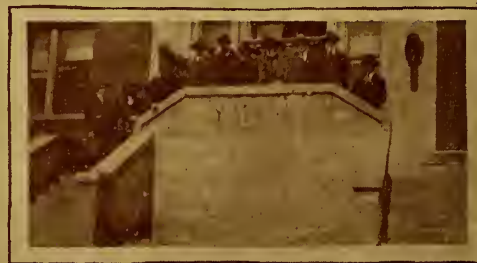
BAGGAGE



THE GLEE CLUB



Yum! Yum!



AT FOSTORIA



# SEMINARY



Seminary

## FACULTY

Rev. Samuel K. Mosiman, President, Professor of Old Testament Language and Literature.  
 Rev. Jacob H. Langenwalter, Dean, Professor of Systematic and Practical Theology.  
 Rev. Jasper A. Huffman, Professor of New Testament Language and Literature.  
 Rev. Paul E. Whitmer, Professor of Church History.  
 Noah E. Byers, Professor of Philosophy and Religious Education.  
 C. Henry Smith, Professor of History and Social Sciences.  
 Gustav Adolf Lehmann, Instructor in Church Music.  
 Boyd D. Smucker, Instructor in Public Speaking.  
 Rev. W. H. Lahr, Instructor in Hebrew.

## CLASS ROLL

Elmer Basinger	Grover Soldner	Norah M. Lambert
Andrew Bechtel	Lester H. Bixel	Mae Marker
John F. Moyer	Benjamin F. Esch	Leroy Mitchell
Samuel T. Moyer	Anna E. Esch	Mrs. A. J. Neuenschwander
Andrew J. Neuenschwander	Bertie Hallman	Ruth A. Schutt
Floyd Pannebecker		



## Mennonite Seminary

**F**OR years the need of a seminary had been felt, but it was not until about three years ago that this need became a reality and Mennonite Seminary was founded, to cooperate with Bluffton College in training our young people more effectively for a larger field of usefulness. The Seminary while it was established for the purpose of training Mennonite young men and women, welcomes students of any denomination and from its short record we are gratified to see that the spirit of Christian brotherhood exists in the common effort to build up the Kingdom of God.

The people of the above group are merely those students who take the major part of their work in the Seminary. There are, however, a large number of College students who take one or more Seminary courses to supplement their College work. Thus it is seen that the Seminary is shedding its influence over a much larger group than might at first be expected. This is possible because the College and Seminary are working in such cooperation that no work is duplicated nor any credit discounted.

That the Seminary is striving to be of the greatest possible service both to its constituencies and its students is seen in the fact, that all the advanced students are serving some congregation either in part and in some cases they are serving their congregations in full capacity. The instructors are also frequently asked to supply pulpits and to deliver series of Bible lectures.

The course of study consists of a regular three year Seminary course, this course is open to College graduates, while a strong and complete English course is outlined for the training of others. In all its work the Seminary desires to serve all who have a desire for better training.

During the winter months the special Bible course has its session. This makes it possible for those who have only a short time at their disposal to get the advantage of certain special courses. These courses are planned to meet the demands of the busy lay church worker. At the end of this course we have our Annual Bible Lectures. These lectures are delivered by the best men of the country and during past years the Seminary as well as the entire community has been greatly blessed by the messages that these men have brot. To share these blessings with still others who are vitally interested in the welfare of the church, the Seminary Faculty has inaugurated the Annual Christian Workers' Conference to be held in connection with the Bible Lectures. Problems of the Rural church, the Sunday school, Christian Endeavor and Missions are discussed by experts from the various constituencies, thus making the week one of special blessing to visitors and students.





REFORMED CHURCH



CHURCH OF CHRIST

## THE CHURCHES



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH



PRESBYTERIAN



M.E. CHURCH



ENGLISH LUTHERAN



# **HOME ECONOMICS**

## Home Economics



Frieda Streid

THE courses in this department have a two-fold purpose, for those who take it as a part of their general education, and for those who major in it for teaching purposes or intend making homekeeping a profession. There has been a two years' course offered but this course has been dropped and now only a four years' course is offered which leads to the A. B. degree. There have been some new equipment and facilities added which make thorough work more possible. In the early fall Richard's Day was observed, the Home Economics students participating in this program. The women of the town and college were invited and pink tea was served in the domestic science rooms. Lectures on conservation were offered by Miss Streid under the auspices of the Home Economics department. These proved to be very helpful and practical. The course thruout the year has been planned to meet the present situation. Meals have been served by the students in order to find

the physiological food value for each meal for one day, these meals being entirely wheatless. They have accomplished in stimulating a greater desire for literary work and instilling a frank spirit of comradeship.

Because of war conditions and the necessity of conserving all possible food supplies for the benefit of those across the seas, this department of the College is becoming more prominent. It should become at some time in the co-ed's course significant enough that a few hours of their time be spent in the Home Economics Department. The fundamental study of the principle food values of the different foods together with the most economical usage of foodstuff will in the course of time tend to eliminate the extravagance and waste generally attributed to the average American housewife. This department will help in rounding out the liberal art course offered to the girls by our College.

Several times during the year the instructor used the lecture form of recitation illustrating by several lectures one phase of the subject. Special lectures were prepared and given to aid in the national conservation measures, and to these lectures the townswomen were invited. A close co-operative spirit seems to be the best means of conducting such a department and no little advantage has been taken in this direction.





**Home Economics Laboratory**

THE above picture shows the Home Economics class in actual laboratory work. The laboratory is equipped with all the modern conveniences and is quite complete in every detail. The experimental work done in this department leads to a more comprehensive understanding of what foods are composed of and the best means of preparing them for use. Cooking days were always looked forward to and visitors to the kitchen were frequent, for who does not like the thrill of tasting dainties, where as yet experience and skill does not play the important part. A complete list of all the good things prepared would be impossible to give but readers who may be in doubt about such need only ask those of the school who were fortunate enough to participate in the dinners, lunches and teas given by the class. We predict that this department will do its share in supplying the future demands for scientific cooking.

## CLASS ROLL

Mrs. A. J. Neuenschwander  
Olga Kennel

Bonnie Steiner

Florence Lehmann  
Beulah Geiger





JOHN HUFFMAN

# FUTURE FACULTY



PAULIE



THE SMUCKERS



BARBARA JOYCE



NOVALIS THIERSTEIN



THE GOODS



BOBBIE BYERS



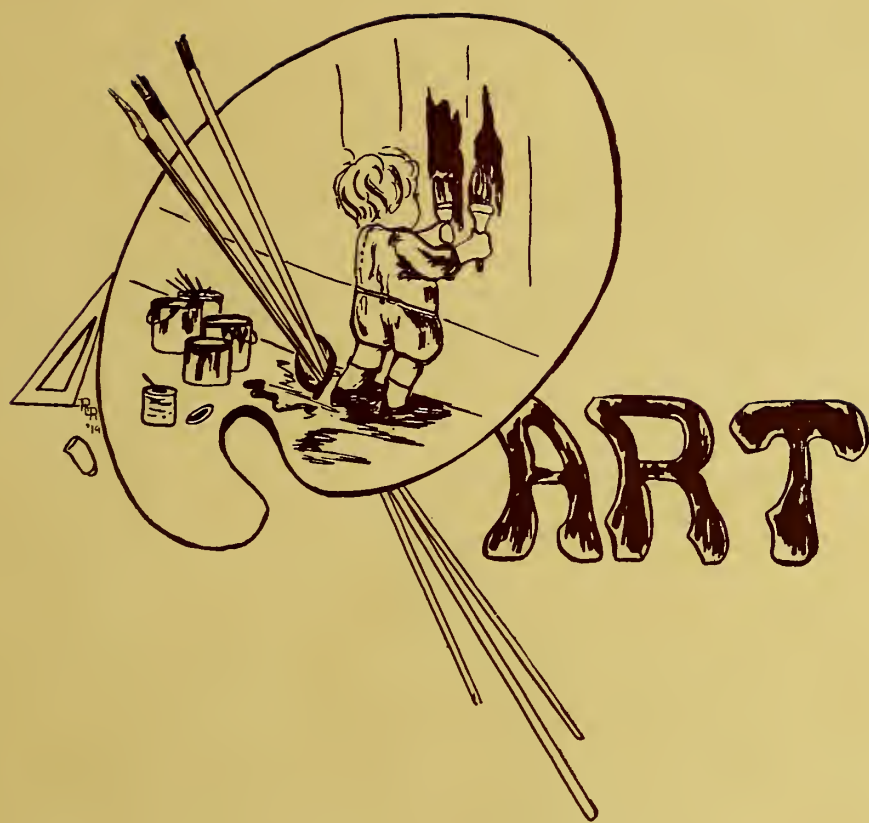
THE LANGENWALTERS



THE WHITMERS



THE HIRSCHLERS



## Art Department



Cecilia Kettunen

THE fall of 1917 again found Bluffton College without an Art Instructor. But some time before Christmas a blond, little lady made her appearance. This fair dame, we were told, was our new Art instructor. And she proved to be none other than Miss Cecilia Kettunen of Ishpening, Michigan.

Miss Kettunen is a graduate of the Chicago Art Institute. She came to us well recommended, and her past year's work has more than exceeded our expectations. Her cheerful disposition, ready wit and humor are in keeping with her work and make it a pleasure to be in any of her classes.

In addition to the usual courses in charcoal drawing, water color, oil painting, landscape sketching and china painting, two new courses, one in mechanical drawing, the other in crafts work were offered this year. We hope that the coming years will find greater Bluffton College, with an ever increasing interest in these lines of work, which help us to see and appreciate the

beautiful things in life.

The courses offered in this department are divided into three distinct classes of instruction:—

1. Normal art instruction.
2. General art.
3. Lecture courses on history of architecture, sculpture, painting and ornament.

The normal classes provide work for students who plan to teach in grade schools or for music students who are going to teach music in the schools and might be required to take charge of the art department also.

The general courses includes freehand drawing, mechanical drawing, work in crayon, water color and oils, china painting, design, crafts, costume design, house plans and composition.

The lecture course is given for the benefit of the students who desire a theoretical knowledge of art.

During the spring of each year the students give an exhibition of their year's work. These exhibitions are of great interest to the entire student body, who are always anxious to see the various drawings and paintings of the art classes. These works of art are usually shown in the College Hall. The exhibitions have always shown that Bluffton College has been fortunate in securing instructors in this department who realize results. Miss Kettunen must certainly be highly commended for her work, altho she has been with us for only a short time.



# THE LISTA



Art Room

THE art room is located in the basement of the Science Hall. It was formerly used as a manual training room, but has been remodeled and refurnished until now it has been transferred into an artistically decorated and equipped art room. It is interesting to visit the room and observe the various works of art which have been sketched by the students. These are on exhibition along with the works of some of the great painters. The room is well lighted and makes a very cozy corner in which the young artists may paint their ideas.

## CLASS ROLL

Rhoda Amstutz  
Alvin A. Anderson  
Geraldine Ewing  
Samuel Flueckiger  
Jephtha Zuercher

Adah Good  
Harold L. Guth  
Selma Roethlisberger  
Rose Sprunger

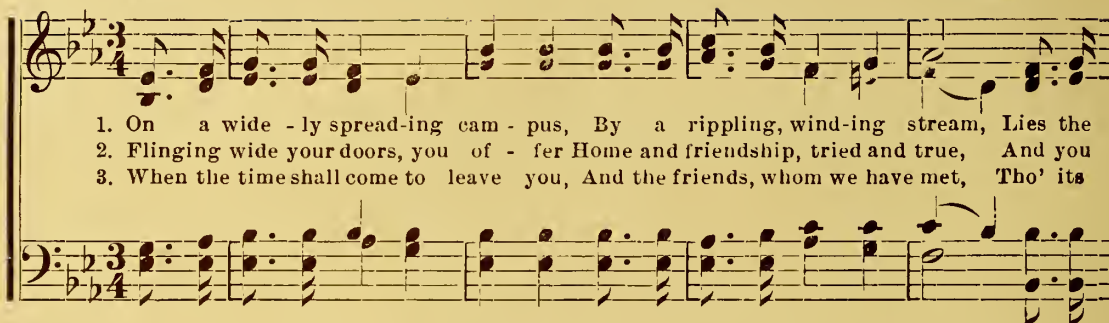
Edna Steinman  
Joash H. Stutzman  
Florence Yoder  
Oswin Zuercher



# Ropp Hall.

HILDA LEETE, '20.

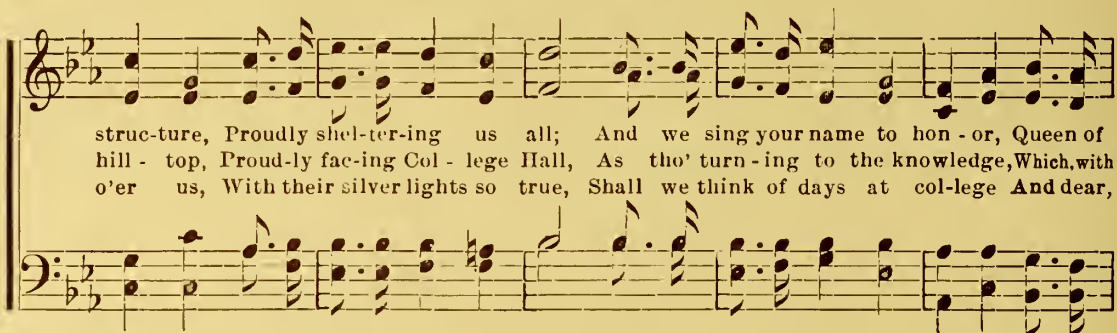
C. D. AMSTUTZ.



1. On a wide - ly spread - ing cam - pus, By a rippling, wind - ing stream, Lies the  
 2. Flinging wide your doors, you of - fer Home and friendship, tried and true, And you  
 3. When the time shall come to leave you, And the friends, whom we have met, 'Tho' its



ver - y dear - est fan - cy, Of my heart's own fondest dream. 'Tis a great and state - ly  
 ev - er promise guid - ance, To all those who come to you. Proud you crown the lit - tle  
 scenes must vanish from us, We its joys can ne'er for - get. And as long as stars burn

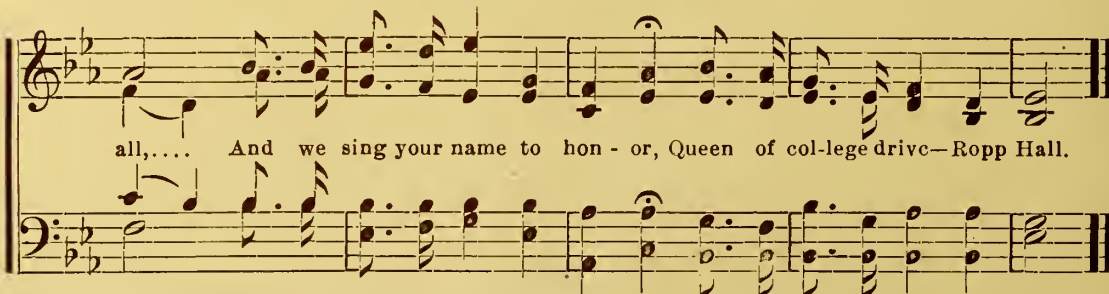


struc - ture, Proudly shel - ter - ing us all; And we sing your name to hon - or, Queen of  
 hill - top, Proud - ly fac - ing Col - lege Hall, As tho' turn - ing to the knowledge, Which, with  
 o'er us, With their silver lights so true, Shall we think of days at col - lege And dear,

REFRAIN.



college drive—Ropp Hall.  
 ser - vice, calls us all. Queen of col - lege drive—Ropp Hall; Proud - ly shel - ter - ing us  
 proud Ropp Hall, of you.



all,.... And we sing your name to hon - or, Queen of col - lege drive—Ropp Hall.





## Academy

Upper row—Flueckiger, Stutzman, Guth, Anderson.

Lower row—Steinman, O. Zuercher, Roethlisberger, J. Zuercher, Yoder.

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**B**LUFFTON College maintains no regular organized academy. However, for the benefit of mature students, who desire the opportunity of a High School education; and for those who come from High Schools which do not offer sufficient credits for college entrance, the organization of various preparatory courses has been provided. This indeed offers a rare opportunity to students of these classes, as they are permitted to enter into the life of the various student organizations, and to enjoy all the advantages offered the regular collegiate students. During the year of 1917-1918 there were enrolled in the preparatory courses of Bluffton College thirteen students.





## Agriculture

Upper row—Hilty, Althaus, Soldner, Ridge, Bixel.  
Lower row—King, Miller, Moyer.

THIS department of Bluffton College was not as large this year as in previous years. Several of the young men who registered for this course last year were in military service this year. Farm laborers are so scarce that the boys who are still on the farms find it hard to leave their work for any length of time. However, five young men availed themselves of this opportunity and enrolled for this course. Two of these students hailed from Illinois which shows that our agriculture course has a wide reputation.

The work done in these agricultural courses is of greatest practical value. The students not only learn the theories of agriculture but are also given a chance to put them into practice thru experimental work. These true twentieth century farmers will, as a result of their training during the winter, be better able to help solve the grave problems of this country and the world by increasing the food production on their respective farms and in their communities.

We realize that this is a worthy cause and hope that next year more young men will be able to grasp this opportunity to train themselves for more intensive farming. We hope that every Mennonite community will soon realize the importance of this department and help support it.



**Special Bible Students**

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**Instructors**

Noah E. Byers  
Paul E. Whitmer  
Boyd Smucker

Jacob H. Langenwaller  
Jasper A. Huffman  
Gustav Adolf Lehmann

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**Class Roll**

Elmer Badertscher  
Ottilia M. Beck  
Edna S. Bixel  
John Boehr  
Lena Boehr  
J. C. Deppler  
Elizabeth Grismore  
Allen Herman

Russell J. Huffman  
Ralph Kennel  
Priscilla Leatherman  
Eunice Niswander  
Mrs. C. E. Rediger  
Florence Schumacher  
Irma C. Steiner  
Mary S. Welty

## Special Bible Course

THE Special Bible Course of Bluffton College was held this year from January 3 to February 1, 1918. This course is held annually and is open to all interested in specialized Bible study and Christian work.

The ablest instructors in this field of Christian service are secured for these courses. Last winter those directing the Bible classes were President Mosiman, Dean Langenwalter, Prof. Huffman, Prof. Whitmer, Dean Byers, Prof. Smucker and Prof. Lehmann. Courses were offered in Bible Introduction, Studies in the Gospel of Mark, Mennonite Doctrine, Sunday School Methods, English and Oratory, Church Music, Chorus and Choir Training, Rudiments of Music, and Instrumental and Vocal Music.

In connection with the Bible Course a Christian Workers' Conference has been held the past two years that the new practical themes of the church may be presented by outside workers. Missions, Education, Pastoral Work, Sunday School and Young People's Work are subjects ably discussed by the most efficient and consecrated church workers. Parts of five days are devoted to this conference which is one of the most profitable units of the course.

The Annual Bible Lectures come in this connection and are of prime interest to both the college students and community as well as to the special Bible students. Dr. Poteat, President of Furman University, Greenville, S. C., delivered the lectures this year. These lectures alone made it worth while to come to Bluffton for the short course, for Dr. Poteat was worthy and capable of upholding the standards set by former speakers among whom have been Dr. Shaw, Dr. Stone, Dr. Irving and Dr. Erdmann. Five afternoons and evenings besides the Sunday services were devoted to these inspiring lectures each year.

Students in this Short Bible Course are warmly welcomed and their interest in College life is highly appreciated by the regular students and faculty. Especially are they welcomed to the Christian Associations and Literary societies and opportunities are open to participate in all College activities. Lectures, concerts, athletic contests and various forms of recreation are constantly given thru the winter season. Added to these are the comfortable dormitories, beautifully located campus and well equipped buildings which make Bluffton College a most attractive place for the Short Course student.







Conservatory

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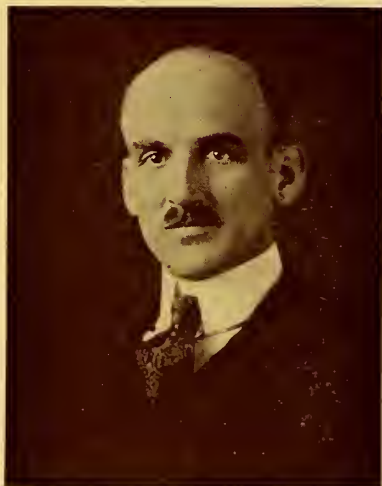




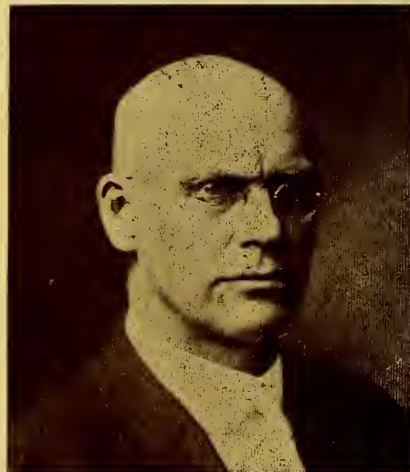
# CONSERVATORY



# THE LIST



Gustav Adolf Lehmann, A. B.  
Dean of Conservatory



Harold B. Adams, Mus. B.  
Professor of Pianoforte and Organ



Julia Ackerman Adams, Mus. B.  
Professor of Theory and History of Music



Mark Evans, Mus. B.  
Professor of Singing

# THE 1918 LIST



Sidney Hauenstein, Ph. C.  
Assistant Professor of String and Wind Instruments



Leola Pearl Bogart  
Assistant Professor of Pianoforte



Gail Watson  
Assistant Professor of Violin



Martin W. Baumgartner, A. B.  
Instructor in Clarinet



## Music Graduates



Bernice Bogart, A. B.  
Bluffton, Ohio



Geneva Hiestand  
Graduate of Music  
Chapel, Pa.



Ruth M. Krehbiel, A. B.  
Reedly, Cal.



Ella Welty, A. B.  
Berne, Ind.



Conservatory

IT aims not only to teach the art of music in the noblest, fullest and highest sense, but also to encourage the development and the refinement of the minds, characters and tastes of its students under the influence of a Christian college. The Conservatory attempts for its students superior proficiency by a definite plan of study, not only for those wishing to devote themselves to music as teachers or artists, but also for amateurs whose chief aim is to require a correct knowledge of music. Thoroughness is the motto of the Conservatory. The price for tuition has been made as low as possible consistent with its high aims. Conscientious teaching by broad-minded men and women of culture is the pride of the Conservatory.

One of the aims of the Conservatory is to foster in students of the College and Seminary a desire to know something of the history, aesthetics and theory of the musical art.

Students of the Conservatory are classified as Collegiate, Academic and Preparatory. Students, who satisfy the entrance requirements to the College of Liberal Arts and pursue one or more Conservatory Courses in Practic or Theoretic Music have Collegiate ranking. Students who pursue one or more Conservatory and one or more academic courses have academic ranking. Students, with academic or high school diploma, and who pursue only Conservatory courses have Preparatory ranking. Instruction in instrumental and vocal music is based largely on the private lesson system. Classes of a few may be arranged in extraordinary cases, but the most satisfactory results are obtained by careful attention to individual needs. Each student has his own mental, physical and artistic capacities, and personal attention alone can properly develop the fullest capabilities of the student.

The regular classes include the desirable elements of a complete musical education. The musician should be more than a mere performer. True musicianship means a clear conception of the material of music, a firm grasp of fundamental artistic principles, and well defined and discriminating taste.



Harriet Humiston Organ

AMONG the advantages of attending a college are those of acquiring intellectual knowledge from books, becoming acquainted with big minds and hearts and a score of other influences, among the biggest of which is hearing good music. In no other instrument are the latent possibilities to be found of expressing so much inspiring music, as in the pipe organ. We students have all felt the awe and devotion inspired when we sang in company with our chapel pipe organ. Then in several organ recitals by Prof. H. B. Adams, we have heard the best of organ music in concert style. We shall always feel indebted to Mrs. Harriet Humiston, of Pontiac, Illinois, for this magnificent gift which she gave to the college. Bluffton has its pipe organ, will we learn to listen to and appreciate great thoughts and emotions expressed by it?





Vesper Choir

Upper row—Tschantz, Roth, Lehmann, Krehbiel, Soldner, Sutter.  
 Middle row—Hiestand, Adams, Good, Basinger, Burkhalter, Amstutz.  
 Lower row—Bogart, Berky, Strubhar, Franz, Jantz, Welty.

PERHAPS the vesper choir adds more to the devotional life of the institution, along musical lines, than any other one factor in the college. And yet it is not an exclusively college organization, there being members from both the college and community in it. We believe very emphatically that Prof. Lehmann's black robed singers lend the final touch of dignity and devotion to the vesper services.

The coal shortage last winter reduced the number of services and hence the choir did not have the opportunity to render the more extended works which had previously been planned. Besides the customary processional and recessional, the choir as a whole gave selections from time to time and opportunities for the individual singers to display their abilities in solo work were also given.

The vesper services fill a distinct place in the religious life of Bluffton and the vesper choir is the one factor which enables them to fill that place.



Choral Society Officers

Upper row—Adams, Bogart, Ringelman, Amstutz.

Lower row—Burkhalter, Basinger, Lehmann.

**T**HIS past winter the Choral Society rendered two especially fine concerts, the first Handel's Messiah, and the second, a secular concert made up of mixed, ladies' and male voices. In the Messiah Mr. Harry L. Kohler sang the bass solos; Mr. James Grubb, the tenor, Miss Estelle Lugibill, the soprano and Miss Cleora Basinger, the alto solos.

The society took the responsibility for the financial end of the College Music and High School Lecture Course. For the reasonable sum of \$2.00 Bluffton heard two fine lectures and six musical numbers among which were Louis Kreidler, baritone, The Tollefsen Trio and the world-famous woman pianist, Ethel Leginska. Special mention should be given to the director, Prof. Lehmann, and to the hard-working president, Noah Burkhalter, for their unselfish work toward making the Choral Society and the Music-Lecture Course successes. Bluffton has ever had an enviable record for its choral singing; this year that same high standard was maintained. Many a person has been benefited by hearing the "Messiah," and we hope that it may be repeated by the Choral Society from year to year.

## OFFICERS

G. A. Lehmann	Director
Noah Burkhalter	President
Cleora Basinger	Secretary
Ruth L. Ringelman	Treasurer
C. D. Amstutz	
Mrs. C. H. Smith	Business Committee
Paul A. Adams	
Pearl Bogart	Accompanist



College Band

Upper row—Ramseyer, Burcky, Studer, Freed, Lehmann.

Middle row—Wenger, Tschantz, Habegger, Garwood, Boehr, Flueckiger, Jantz.

Lower row—Geiger, Sprunger.

**T**HIS is an organization which again shows Bluffton to be a musical community. This band has become quite efficient and has done much valuable service especially in athletics. It was due to the thrilling music and 'pep' which the band instilled into the players that we so often were carried to victory.

Ramseyer—Baritone  
Burcky—French Horn  
Studer—Alto  
Freed—Trombone  
Lehmann—Tuba  
Wenger—Clarinet  
Tschantz—Oboe

Habegger—Clarinet  
Garwood—Cornet  
Boehr—Cornet  
Flueckiger—Cornet  
Jantz—Cornet  
Geiger—Tenor Drum  
Sprunger—Bass Drum





Glee Club

Upper row—Wulliman, Baumgartner, Habegger, Geiger, Franz, Lehmann.  
 Middle row—Bixel, Lehmann, Flueckiger, Adams, Boehr, Boehr, Schumacher.  
 Lower row—Burkhalter, Tschantz, Smucker, Sprunger, Stauffer, Jantz.

**T**HIS year a new organization made its bid for a place in the music circle of the college. Prof. Lehmann made from an unpromising collection of singers a Glee Club of which we may truly be proud. Persistent practicing and a good director brought out results. Rehearsals were held twice a week with numerous additional ones thrown in for good measure. From their appearance at a prohibition meeting during the first semester, they were highly appreciated, their work being of a high degree. During and after the Easter vacation the club made a two weeks' trip thru Ohio and eastern Indiana in the interest of the College; the trip proved to be a very successful one. Many new friends were made for the institution and much good will, without a doubt resulted. Many persons who had previously thought of college boys as snobs, changed their opinions when some of the fellows pulled off their coats and helped their hostess wash dishes. For just that spirit the boys were praised all along the line. The trip was made possible thru the efforts of the manager, Mr. Tschantz, Director Lehmann and a score of friends and old students of the college located at the various places where the Club sang.

They had two concerts prepared, one a secular and the other a sacred; the sacred concerts were given at Salem church, Dalton, Ohio; Defenseless church, located west of Berne, Ind.; and at Monroe, Ind. The secular concerts included the introduction of a very wonderful musical instrument, the Pedavocalion, invented by Herr Professor Milton Sprunger which turned out to be a scream wherever it was played. Difficult numbers such as Huhn's "Invictus" and "The Italian Street Song" with violin obligatto were rendered in very acceptable style. Patriotic and comic selections by the Club, violin solos by Oliver Schumacher, and two readings by Prof. Smucker completed the program.

Upon their return the Club gave a home concert. Altho in a measure an exclusive organization, membership can be obtained thru a fair degree of vocal ability and the vote of the Club. The Club has proven to be one of the most popular organizations in the College, especially among the ladies.

At the time of this writing several concerts have been dated near Bluffton and a trip to Camp Sherman has been arranged.

# THE 1918 ALISTAR

## PERSONNEL

### First Tenors

Jacob G. Jantz  
William S. Stauffer  
Noah L. Burkhalter  
John S. Boehr

### First Basses

Milton F. Sprunger  
Oliver E. Schumacher  
Raymond C. Wulliman  
Menno I. Lehmann

Donavin A. Baumgartner—Pianist

Oliver E. Schumacher—Violinist

### Second Tenors

Gordon A. Bixel  
Samuel L. Flueckiger  
Steiner F. Geiger  
Gerhard E. Franz

### Second Basses

Paul A. Adams  
Clyde M. Tschantz  
Joel F. Habegger  
Isaac W. Boehr

B. D. Smucker—Reader

G. A. Lehmann—Director

## PROGRAM

1. Invictus ..... Huhn  
Glee Club
2. Mazurka ..... Musin  
Mr. Schumacher
3. The Man in the Shadow ..... Story  
Mr. Smucker
4. Coppah Moon ..... Story  
Dat Watermillion ..... Westendorf  
Glee Club
5. Cradle Song ..... Vannah  
The Joy of a Rose ..... Tarbox  
Mr. Lehmann
6. Hark, the Horn ..... Randegger  
Glee Club
7. Deep River—Negro Spiritual ..... Lucas  
Glee Club
8. Italian Street Song ..... Herbert  
Glee Club
9. Spring Song ..... Resch  
Mr. Schumacher, Mr. Flueckiger, Mr. Baumgartner
10. Old Glory ..... Adams  
Pack up your Troubles ..... Powell  
Glee Club
11. Viennese Melody ..... Gaertner-Kreisler  
Mr. Schumacher
12. The Lost Word ..... Van Dyke  
Mr. Smucker
13. Pedavocalion ..... A Demonstration  
Mr. Sprunger, Inventor
14. Alma Mater  
Star Spangled Banner

Glee Club

## ITINERARY

Thursday—March 28—Wadsworth  
Friday—March 29—Massillon  
Saturday—March 30—Apple Creek  
Sunday—March 31—Dalton  
Monday—April 1—Mt. Eaton  
Tuesday—April 2—Canton  
Wednesday—April 3—Gahanna

Thursday—April 4—Celina  
Friday—April 5—Berne  
Saturday—April 6—Linn Grove  
Sunday—April 7—Berne, Monroe  
Monday—April 8—Vaughnsville  
Tuesday—April 9—Sycamore  
Wednesday—April 10—Home Concert







Athletics









COACH KRATZ

**T**HIS year marks the beginning of regularly coached athletics and compulsory gymnasium work in Bluffton College and the results of such have been favorable. Coach Kratz was largely responsible for our successful athletic year. Knowing the value of reserve men, his call for athletes filled most remarkably all vacancies caused from the draft. Kratz gave this challenge to his men, "Come out and work and you'll get a chance." A challenge of that caliber stirs up the right stuff in the normal young man and he comes out and works.

Bluffton College no longer takes defeat as a matter of course in her athletic contests with other colleges. Our most successful year in basket ball removes all doubt as to the truth of such a statement. "Ollie" stimulated into our team a fighting spirit worthy of notice. "Lose game and win square" was his motto. We did both and give most heartily to our coach his share of the honor.

All who have seen him admit that he is a living example of all that can be desired of the physical element. A firm foundation makes possible his sturdy six-foot-two in height. Such a physique with a combination of common sense and the capability of being a fellow brands "Ollie" as a man worthy of being called coach.

Realizing the need of Y. M. C. A. men in the army across the seas, our friend and coach left us in early spring. We have missed him and feel that had it been possible for him to have stayed longer, large results would have been attained. We are glad that he saw the vision and our sacrifices from having lost him will be amply rewarded by the noble work he is doing, and the good spirits he is fostering among our soldier boys in France.

Nine rahs for Kratz!



**Athletic Board**

Upper row—Lehmann, Moser, Kratz, Guth, Geiger, Tschantz.  
 Middle row—Bauman, Ramseyer, Kennel, Welty, Geiger.  
 Lower row—Schryer, Bixel.

THE Athletic Association is the organization upholding the business end of Bluffton College athletics. All the responsibility of supporting the financial load of the athletic program is assumed by the association. It is to the interest of every athletically disposed student to belong, and we might say here, that the majority are on the job. All regulations and rules of this department are embodied in a constitution, and strict adherence to it has been the policy of the school. The board took the initiative in raising the track fund, thus making possible the canceling of the note, which for several years had been a burden to the Athletic Association. The High School Tournament staged here this spring was under the direct auspices of the Athletic Board.

## OFFICERS

Vernon C. Ramseyer .....	President
Paul Welty .....	Vice-President
Harvey Bauman	
Leo Welty .....	Secretary-Treasurer
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Vernon C. Ramseyer .....	Assistant Basket Ball Manager
Clyde Tschantz .....	Base Ball Manager
Menno Lehmann .....	Assistant Base Ball Manager
Delbert Welty .....	Track Manager
Ezra Moser	
Harold Guth .....	Assistant Track Manager
Olga Kennel .....	Girls' Basket Ball Manager

## West Central Ohio Basket Ball Tournament

THE West Central Ohio High School basket ball tournament this year was staged at the College gymnasium. It was the first tournament of its kind ever held in Bluffton College and it proved to be quite successful, far beyond expectation. The success of the tournament was made possible by the way in which the men in charge did their part. All details of the work were well organized and nothing was lacking in getting results.

Friday morning, March 8, the teams began to arrive and by noon most of them had appeared. Thirteen teams entered the tournament from the various neighboring cities and towns. The following teams came with their coaches: Bluffton, Gomer, Findlay, Leipsic, Lima, McClure, Quincy, Columbus Grove, Spencerville, LaFayette, Vaughnsville, Pandora and Waynesfield. The men were received at the College Y. M. C. A. headquarters, located at the Music Hall. There the teams were registered, each given a player's badge and then shown to their sleeping quarters in different parts of the town. We might say here, that the majority of these men were given entertainment at the homes of the different local high school people. That Bluffton residents were loyal supporters of the tournament was shown by their coming out to the games and more so by providing free beds to the visitors.

A bunch of husky fellows as were assembled here would also need something in the line of good eats. To feed one hundred extra people at the dining hall would have been impossible. The difficulty was overcome by taking fifty to the dining hall, this including special tables for the coaches and captains of the teams. The others were given meal tickets and their choice of any of the restaurants uptown. Thus under the direction of Mr. Keiser, chairman of the Y. M. C. A. committee, and the help of the loyal members, free entertainment was given to all visitors.

By ten o'clock Friday morning the teams were anxious to draw for their first opponents. Numbers from one to thirteen were drawn from a hat and the teams were thus paired off as 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6, etc. As there were thirteen teams a bye was placed in the hat for one team, Pandora drew the bye, thus making that team eligible for the second preliminaries.

J. Otto Newton of Tiffin, and Sayger from Heidelberg University were chosen as official referees for the tournament. Both men understood the game thoroughly and kept the playing within rules at all times. Their good judgment enabled them to keep the respect of all the teams in all cases of decision.

### PRELIMINARY GAMES

The local high school gave Spencerville the first defeat, 22-15. The game was a zig-zagging contest up to the last few minutes of play. It was a thriller for an opener.

The Quincy lads next made their appearance on the court and handled themselves so well and consistently that Gomer was nosed out of a victory in a 24-22 score.

The smooth working machine of LaFayette slaughtered the Vaughnsville five by the merciless score of 42-22. The victors had wonderful ability in short passing.

Findlay proved too much for the Columbus Grove aggregation and swamped them 19-5.

Lima Hi came out strong in the last of the first elimination series and made short work of Waynesfield. Accuracy in connecting with the cage was Lima's strong point, the score being 47-13.

The astonished fans were overwhelmed as they watched the fast team of the little McClure high school lay to dust the fast bunch of Leipsic tossers. The final count was 28-14.



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## SECOND PRELIMINARIES

Pandora, fresh and in prime condition, was able to outguess the Findlay five 13-10. The game was rather rough but intensely interesting to the last count.

Bluffton suffered a close defeat to Quincy, 20-18. Several regulars of the locals were ineligible to be on the line-up, thus keeping Bluffton from playing her usual style of basket ball.

The decisive game of the tournament was played between McClure and Lima. These two were the strongest contenders for the championship and a royal battle resulted. Lima came out two points ahead in this exciting overtime game. Speedy work in the first half left McClure to the good 13-8. In the second half Lima buckled down to some real guarding and kept McClure from connecting. In the meanwhile they had slowly but surely crawled up to an equal advantage with McClure, 13-13. In the five minutes overtime, Lima rolled in two field goals to one of McClure, giving Lima the odds, 17-15.

## SEMI-FINALS

The two semi-final games were staged between Lima and Quincy and Pandora and Lafayette. Lima soon disposed of Quincy by going "over the top" for tosses, 50-18. LaFayette relieved Pandora from later responsibilities by leading them 14-12 at the final toot. The final honors were thus to be divided between Lima and LaFayette.

## FINALS

The Lima five made a disastrous advance upon the little but nervy tossers from LaFayette. Lima showed its reserve power by playing a steady game of fast ball. From the start every man kept going and a 49-15 score was the result of their strenuous efforts. Honorable mention should be given to LaFayette for the liberal amount of pep, scrap, and lightning pass work they were able to develop against their opponents. This was the cleanest game of the tournament and made a fitting climax for the "finis."

## PRESENTATION OF CUPS

President S. K. Mosiman, standing between the two contending teams, facing each other on the gym floor, presented the cups in a few well chosen words, emphasizing the value of athletics in educational institutions.

Three cups were given, one the championship cup, which is to be retained by the school winning for only one year, and becomes the permanent property of that school upon winning the honors three times. The two other cups were smaller and were given as permanent tokens to the two teams contending for final honors.

## ALL STAR TEAM

Coach Kratz with the aid of the committee in charge had President Mosiman read the names of the following men, selected as the best for the All Star teams:

### First Team

Bible, Lima  
Dunlap, Findlay  
  
Ingle, McClure  
  
Young, Lima  
Sakemiller, Lima

### Forwards

### Centers

### Guards

### Second Team

Connoly, McClure  
Thomas, Gomer

Sisler, Spencerville

Farison, McClure  
Boutwell, Bluffton



Mens Gym Class

AROUND the arrival of our coach last spring, was formed the nucleus of physical training classes. Bluffton College has never been stormed by an over-assault of genuine book worms, but it was thot best to prepare for any such disturbing factors by installing a compulsory system of physical training class work. Whenever heat was available, bi-weekly performances of healthy exercises were indulged in, under the supervision of the coach. The classes were put thru such exercises as would tend to develop uniformly every muscle of the body. The physical effects of the first few meetings were such that undiscovered muscles were soon found, and a general stiffness prevailed among the tortured ones.

However, in a few weeks the gymnasium and its little equipment began to show results of developing physical robustness. It tended to increase the desire for indoor athletics and exercises, thus giving abundance of material for the basket ball games. The greater majority of our clumsy, awkward bodies became more agile and expert. The increased output of energy afterward, the happier spirits, prolonged endurance, clean thinking, and the greater ease and pleasure with which work was done, more than compensated for the time required to go thru these gymnastic exercises.



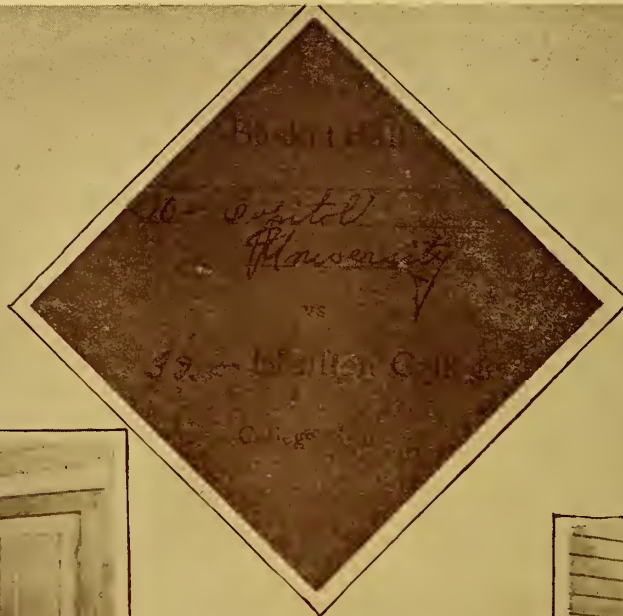
Girls Gym Class

TOO oft times the co-eds of a school are neglected when it comes to athletics and gymnasium work. Such negligence cannot be accredited to Bluffton College for like the men, the women are under the ordinance of compulsory gymnasium work. Miss Mueller acted as assistant physical director, and took charge of the several co-ed classes. The gymnasium work was of similar nature to that of the men, probably a little less severe in application.

This indoor work gave them plenty of opportunity to handle the basket ball and as a result several teams could have been picked from our bunch of co-eds. In fact the inter-class games illustrated remarkably well the athletic and wholesome effect of regular gymnasium work upon the women of our college.

We believe that athletics as a builder of character are just as important as a builder of physical strength. Fair play and good sportsmanship are the two maxims kept constantly before the eye. A girl who has won the reputation of being a clean, square player is happy herself and admired by all with whom she comes in contact. There is no higher compliment than to be called a "good sportswoman." A girl who can lose and smile, or win and not exult over her opponent's defeat, is quite apt to get something bigger than mere physical development out of her athletics.





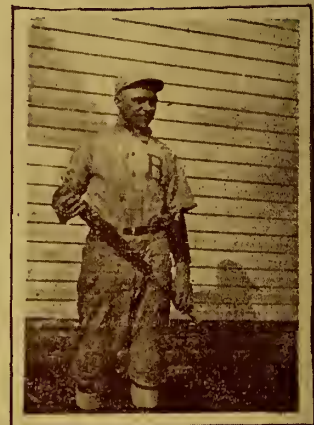
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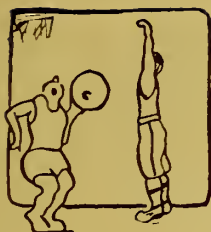
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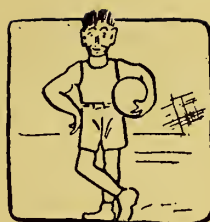
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# BASKET-BALL





**Varsity Team**

Upper row—Gottshall, Moser, Guth, Day.  
Middle row—Lehmann; Kratz, coach; Baumgartner, capt.  
Lower row—Ramseyer, Bixel.

**C**AN a team be on the losing end when their Alma Mater are screaming for such a bunch of huskies as the above? We know it cannot.

To manager Shelly we owe a great deal of praise for the faithful work he did in giving Bluffton a good, stiff schedule. Good management of a team tells in the end and our manager was up to the snuff. As a player he stood high and would have been quite valuable to the team. Thinking he could do some good in managing aggressive "Bill," he enlisted early in the season.

Bluffton basket ball fans were not disappointed this year. Our five gave a fair sample of what it takes to be a winning team. Tho lightweights when compared to the majority of opponents they met, nothing was lacking when it came to grit and speed. We boast of few All-State stars but are on the map when it comes to a five-man team. Highly developed team work, consistent playing and short range caging always gave Bluffton a decided advantage over her opponent. Very seldom was the ball lost and at such times scrappy guarding, good floor manoeuvring, and clean shooting saved the day. Short passing and clean handling of the ball was generally a source of bewilderment to all contenders. At times when the Fates had all but given the game away, a most welcome toss sent the ball thru the center of the ring. Then at quick intervals, without mercy, the operation would repeat, both score keepers and fans delightfully dazzled at the turn of events. At the final pistol shot the purple and white were with few exceptions victorious. A "fight-to-finish" spirit was a notable characteristic feature of our team and in quite a few cases turned what otherwise would have been a lamentable defeat into a gratifying victory.





MANAGER SHELLEY

Shortly after Xmas vacation we celebrated the New Year at home by defeating the fast Otterbein team in a spectacular windup by caging in the ratio of 33-27. Having received a severe walloping from Antioch in mid-season, late in February we returned the compliment by severely chastising them on the home floor to a 36-29 tune. Moser's tip-off and basket connecting, Captain Baumgartner and Bixel's excellent floor work and tossing, together with the worthiness with which Bluffton guards held their men, made the team more than a match for the visitors.

The greatest triumph of our team on the home floor came when we met the basketeers of Capitol University. This was a fitting climax for our illustrious team on the home floor. Our team blanketed itself with fame by defeating them in an uphill tug of warfare 32-30 in the last minute of play. Endless persistency and athletic caliber of first class, no doubt enabled Bluffton to overtake her opponents in their 20-5 lead and come out in the last heat with a whirlwind ultimatum. This victory gave us our rightful claim for the Ohio secondary cham-

pionship. Of the fifteen Ohio games played, we won twelve. In each case of defeat, such was reciprocated by a victory before or after the defeat. Thus we enjoy the sensation of having a team worthy of statewide recognition in basket ball circles. Considering the maximum number of athletes in our small college from which to select our players, we can well get the significance of such recognition. It means that within a short time we can boast of a team worthy to represent Bluffton College in the Ohio Conference games.

It may be well to say at this opportune time, that the Bluffton fans very enthusiastically supported our five while playing the home games. Good crowds, from community, high school and College, were ever present at the games in spirit and person. Much credit for winning the majority of these close and hard fought battles must be given to the crowd back of our team. Cheer leader, Ziggy, with his originality and pep always had the spectators on his side and the team at heart. Such a spirit for good athletics brings a college and its community on equal terms and to a more complete understanding of each other. Right well shall we remember the thrills of victory or the sting of a game defeat and our hearty co-operation with the team in either case.

Probably due to a lack of the home support, our five met with an occasional defeat while on the road. The best games resulting from the trips were the Concordia game at Ft. Wayne, Ind., Wittenberg at West Liberty, O., and Findlay College at Findlay, O. The victory at Wittenberg was a triumph from the standpoint of cinching the championship and from the fact that an abundance of real basket ball dope was displayed.

Our basket ball story is now at the stage when a final fitting climax will make it complete. The team and College one ideal evening transported themselves by rail-roading to the scenes of Findlay College expecting to find the desired stage effect there. It was found and also the necessary material for successfully completing the story, but not without some difficulty. Had it not been for Bluffton's reserve power enabling her to win over a 12-3 lead by a creditable score of 26-19, well—we won't think of "The End." As it is our basket ball experience has been most delightfully interesting and pleasing this year.

In general we can say of the players that they have represented well their College's athletic interests. Ever mindful of her ideals, on their trips and at home, all are to be commended on their square playing and good sportsmanship. Thus we end our review well pleased and justly proud of our team.



## DONAVIN BAUMGARTNER

CAPTAIN AND FORWARD

"DONNIE"

Capt. Donnie, called Donavin by a select few, illustrates most admirably a genuine basket baller. Gracefully he displays the artistic side of the game. Ever ready to do his share or more if necessary, no part of the court was free from his presence during a game. He has few equals in playing the floor game, and his speed is a source of anguish and despair for all who attempt to follow him. With Donnie in the game and Bonnie on the bleachers, the team was ever sure of victory.

## VERNON RAMSEYER

GUARD

"RAMSEY"

The only "Upper" who could hold the pace of playing a guarding position on the fast Varsity team. Ramsey is fatal to the dribbler and holds his man so closely that making the cage is the exception. He was a streak on intercepting long passes. Nor did he do all his playing on the defensive but at opportune moments would turn his clever basket ball insight into an offensive play. At Wittenberg he caused more trouble than any other man on the team and due to his scrappy guarding we were able to take the trick.

## GORDON BIXEL

FORWARD

"BIXIE"

Who's the little chap? Watch him close or you'll lose him. Speed and the ability to shift position saves Bixie any serious consequences from lack of weight, and marks him as a player of high worth. In a pinch we could always depend on his rare skill to connect with the basket under close guard or from some difficult angle of the court. This little forward was a constant worry to his guard and to have followed him would have proved fatal to the stability of the pursuer.



**EZRA MOSER**

**CENTER**

**"MOSER"**

This is no "Pony" but he is of the same stock and equal to any horse in the school. As a pivot Moser had no equal. In the majority of games he out-jumped his man, thus giving Bluffton the advantage of the tip-off. His excellent floor work made our machine all the more efficient and at all times Moser was able to toss well. We hand it to Ezra for his clever work as a player and we predict that with another year's experience Bluffton will have a stellar center.



**DELBERT WELTY**

**GUARD**

**"REEDLEY"**

We cannot forget the starry work of this former Varsity guard. Small but grit to the last breath he could pull the constant stuff and at difficult places produce the spectacular. Always on the alert for the unexpected, Bluffton was never caught napping while "Reedley" was on guard duty. His enlistment early in the season gave the team a blow. However, we are quite sure that Delbert will do his part in caging the "Kaiser."



**ALLEN DAY**

**GUARD**

**"DAY"**

In Day we have the other guard of the regular "Five." His former experience in high school days made him an important asset to the team. His splendid performance as a guard has won for him a place in the hearts of all Bluffton fans (the Penn. "fanine" in particular.) Almost instantly Day could turn his general acuteness for guarding into caging and at such times made a creditable showing as forward. In fast and close games Day was always there.





## HERBERT GOTTSHALL

GUARD

"GOTTY"

Rather late in the season our squad took on a new addition in the form of a guard and general utility man. Although "Gotty" was handicapped by not getting an early start, he came out strong in the final lap. Under heavy strain when the "Five" needed help, "Gotty" was always there. And because of his classy work at no time was the machine slackened because of the readjustment. His aggressiveness and ability to get away with a clean pass, enabled our team very often to take the lead and keep it.

## MENNO LEHMANN

FORWARD

"MENNO"

In quite a few games our team was very ably assisted by this young Bernite. Like a cat crouching for its prey, Lehmann was always ready to pounce upon the ball and toss for twins. He was quite reliable on long shots but at close range he was a dead shot. When properly fed, keeping score was a drudgery, for there was no end of him tickling the basket netting. We give due honor to this man who can grin under the heaviest fire.

## CLAIR STETTLER

GUARD

"STICKS"

We know men who make athletes out of themselves in spite of all obstacles. Such a man we have in "Sticks." Desirous of seeing a winning team, he came out and worked. His foresight rewarded him, for on several occasions "Sticks" played the defensive position and succeeded so well in harrassing his man that he made victory sure. With men of this caliber on the list, our Varsity basket ball outlook for next year looks good.



## HAROLD GUTH

CENTER

"FUZZ"

"Let's go fellows." "Who is that heavyweight," some fan asks. That's Guth, the young giant from Illinois, whose track ability there has made him a youngster to whom all sprinters take off their shoes. As an all around athlete he takes his turn at basket ball and due to his persistency, he gained second place for the pivot. In all games where the big boy had a chance he handled himself quite well. He was the spirit and "Big Cheese" of the Academy team. Watch for him in the future!

## RESULTS

Harlan (practice game) .....	15	Bluffton College .....	61
Huntington College .....	25	Bluffton College .....	20
Concordia College .....	24	Bluffton College .....	18
State Normal College .....	12	Bluffton College .....	26
Otterbein University .....	27	Bluffton College .....	33
Findlay College .....	23	Bluffton College .....	47
Toledo University .....	21	Bluffton College .....	33
Hiram College .....	26	Bluffton College .....	22
Wilmington College .....	14	Bluffton College .....	33
Wilmington College .....	29	Bluffton College .....	26
Antioch College .....	37	Bluffton College .....	17
Grace M. E. (practice game) .....	21	Bluffton College .....	40
State Normal College .....	29	Bluffton College .....	20
Antioch College .....	29	Bluffton College .....	36
Wittenberg College .....	19	Bluffton College .....	26
Capitol University .....	30	Bluffton College .....	32
Toledo University .....	15	Bluffton College .....	30
Findlay College .....	19	Bluffton College .....	26



**Freshmen**

Lehmann  
Stettler

Bureky  
Scheid

Augsburger  
Wulliman

THE Freshies, not forgetting their High School training, opened up their series of games by defeating the Academy 32-14. Due to their friendly antagonism toward the relentless Sophs, they kept in reserve their surplus energy for the next game. At the bugle call, they opened wide the throttle and kept their machine going at top speed. They ran out of gas in the last few minutes of the race and before they could get in another supply it was too late. The wise Sophs carried plenty of oil and were thus able to lead by the narrow margin of five points. Not discouraged with such odds they entered the next game against the Uppers. The Fates decreed otherwise and once again the infants had to take the short end of the candy-stick. With decided firmness they tossed baskets against the Acads once more. Thru superior shooting in a hard fought game they won out, 29-10.

Three of this team were in the Varsity line-up for a few of the inter-collegiate games, while the remainder filled Reserve garments. The Freshmen were well represented by this snappy team.





**Girls Varsity Team**

Top row—Steiner, Kratz, Lugibill.

Middle row—Lahr, Geiger, Lugibill, Scheid.

Lower row—Krehbiel, Roth, Lehmann, Strubhar.

THE girls basket ball season of the past year has not been as thrilling and eventful as in former years, due to the fact that only six games were played, one of them being a Varsity game. Inter class games were played, after some difficulties as to when the efficiency of the different teams was best. The first game was between the Freshmen and Sophomores and although the Freshmen were light and swift the Sophomores proved to be too heavy for them and won by a score of 10-4. Later the Sophomores and Uppers played the best game of the season. The girls were evenly matched and it proved to be a tug-of-war as to who the winners would be, but when the final whistle blew the Uppers were in the lead, the score being 11-6. The only Varsity game was the game with the H. S. girls. The College outclassed the High School in weight and swiftness and altho the High School guards tried to keep up with the Varsity forwards it was more than they could do. The Freshmen and Sophomores each played a curtain raiser with the High School, the Freshmen losing to the High School and the High School losing to the Sophomores. The Dorm girls and town girls had a very interesting game, especially for those who were directly interested. The town girls were in the lead at the beginning and stayed in the lead until the end. A literary game was planned but never culminated. The co-eds are at a disadvantage as the surrounding colleges do not have intercollegiate games, leaving the girls' enthusiasm to be worked up through class games.



Upper Class Traw

Stauffer, Shelly, Ramseyer, Geiger, Howe, Soldner

**F**EW in numbers but mighty in spirit, the Uppers entered the inter-class fray in earnest. Wishing to get the best first, they waged a useless war against the Sophs. The next evening they started a new drive on the front line trenches of the Academy and took prisoners in the ratio of 23-9. Delighted over such success, they opened a well directed artillery fire against the Freshies. In tank formation they smashed up the enemies' machine guns and outshot them, 18-4. Quite wearied from the exertions of three hard fought battles, they opened up peace negotiations with the Sophs and were forced to pay indemnity in the nature of 7-42 bonds. It was enough.

Though apparently tied by the Freshies in the final outcome of the clash, the Uppers claim second place in the series. By defeating the Freshies, by having to play the Champions twice, while the Freshies played the losers twice, they are justified in making a bold claim for second place.

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Sophomore Team

From left to right—Moser, Baumgartner, Geiger, V. d. Smissen, Sprunger, Gott-hill, Bixel.

ALL hail the champions of the inter-class basket ball scrap. With three letter men and a close fourth on the team, the Sophomores easily carried off first ribbons. They sank their first anchor as victors over the Uppers. Score 16-6. However, in the next game with the Freshies, they met their match and were in the hole the greater part of the game. Their former basket ball experience enabled them to clinch the game, in the last few minutes, 21-16. In their third rumpus with the Academy they enjoyed themselves immensely, for they got into the habit of connecting with the basket whenever they so desired. The results of the battle were 40-0. Not entirely satisfied with their tossing they did some unusual tossing against the Uppers in the next game. Bewildered by their fast teamwork the Uppers were constantly on the defensive. It was a complete triumph for the Sophs and they closed the deal in good shape, 42-7.

Nor did they stop by taking the series, but at the end of the season, four of their men were wearing big team suits. They nobly earned their title, the champion 1917-18 class team of the College.





## Reserves

1918

V. d. Smissen, Burcky, Wulliman, Scheid, Augsburger, Geiger

ANY team which expects to meet the demands of a hard season successfully must have plenty of reserve power. Successively hard fought games and the draft board had a tendency to weaken the number of our basket ball recruits this year. Much weakness would have resulted had it not been for the ample reserve power found within our second team men.

Always on hand at important rehearsals, they put the Varsity thru a line of strenuous practice which always told at the final toot of the whistle. In fact at all times were the regulars kept hustling and where occasion demanded it, the Reserves very ably assisted in holding up the purple and whites' reputation in basket ball. In lauding the deeds of the Varsity we must ever keep in mind these men who made possible the achievements of that famous "five."

Due no doubt to the early leave of absence of manager Shelly, the Reserves had few chances to display their skill against foreign teams. However, when given an opportunity they played with the usual pep and team work characteristic of the Varsity. Although defeated by the fast Boys' Congress team of Pandora, O., there is no reason for any harsh criticism of the team. Every player showed the real "Come back" spirit and had the lead not been too great in the beginning, a far different windup would have resulted.

Capt. "Teddy" held the pivoted position and because of his towering physical elements was considered a Waterloo to all opponents. Forward Donald has ability as a dribbler and used it to a good effect. In Wulliman we have an example of the most graceful, graceful but not short of speed and fighting spirit. Who is that other Bernite? That's "Vondie" who because of his persistency was able to take a guarding position on the reserves. No, we can't forget "Ziggy," who not being satisfied with the mere honors of cheer leader, aspired to the other defensive position. Thus we could go on ad infinitum in praising these men, but those of us who have seen them play need no further introduction as to their merits and the position they hold in College athletic circles.



Academy

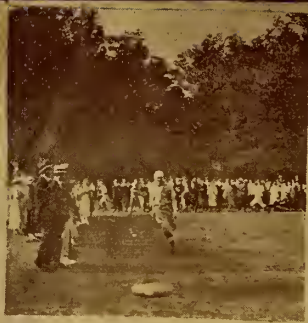
Zuercher, Flueckiger, Guth, Stutzman, Zuercher

**T**AKE off your hats to this nerry bunch! Knowing full well the futility of expecting too much from their few players, they entered the series with real basket ball pep. Tho they took defeat at every turn in the series, at no time did they lose their nerve and slack. "Let's Go" fellows was their motto and they did go until the last moment of play. In all their games they put up a good scrap and played a stellar game at guarding. Had they been able to take on a better offensive, closer scores would have resulted.

The material they developed was quite useful to the big team and an asset to the Reserve line-up. The Academy efforts at basket ball will bloom out fuller in the near future.



# ATHLETICS



TO FIRST —



—THE LADIES GAME—



BASE BALL HEROES



GEIGER —



—PREY—



— THE COURTS OF A LOVE GAME —



— SOME POSE —



—THE BATTERY—



—STUDER UP—



—OUT—





# BASE - BALL





**Varsity Team**

Upper row—Lehmann, Wulliman, V. d. Smissen, Guth, Studer, Flueckiger, Zuercher.

Lower row—Augsburger, Gottshall, Bauman, Tschantz, Ramseyer, Howe, Geiger, Bixel, Jantz.

THE national game of baseball has always had a prominent place in the athletics of Bluffton College. Basket ball seems to have the winning advantage and for that reason has been most heartily supported by the students. On the other hand base ball has been on the losing end and consequently a descent in genuine support. All athletics are necessary to the school and it behooves the students to support all fairly alike. "Die game at least!"

The team of the 1918 season have had their share of stinging defeat. Four of the six games lost in a row were not decidable until the last man was out. In a majority of cases the odds were against the team in the first inning and then a gradual settling down to real base ball. Had the team as a whole been a little heavier on the slugging end of the game, our defensive would have been sufficient. No such scores as burdened the 1917 squad were ever able to bother our team this year. In fact the team has put up a better grade of base ball this year than ever before during the last few seasons. We had fewer individual stars probably but a greater amount of consistent team work, something that is necessary in real base ball.

Before we go further we must mention the fact that two of our best pitchers were called to the colors, one just before the first game was played and the other in mid-season. Honorable mention must be given to Mr. Berky for his valuable assistance in coaching the team after the departure of Mr. Kratz. His ability as a player and coach placed him in the confidence of every player. To him we must give credit for the fighting spirit and the higher type of playing found within the team at the end of the season.

## DEFIANCE TRIP

Bluffton crossed bats first with Defiance. The cool weather would have been desirable for a pigskin tussle but made base ball rather slow. Geiger managed to keep

# THE BLUFFTONIST

fairly warm during the game and kept the batting down to seven clouts. A wild throw to first in the ninth inning, with two men down gave Defiance the winning run, 4-3.

The purple and white crossed the "rubber" once in the first inning, only to be checked up by Defiance in the second. Nothing spectacular happened until the seventh, when Geiger and Ramsey both brushed the home plate giving Bluffton a 3-1 lead. A questionable fair hit to right field in the eighth aided Defiance in tying the score once more. Bluffton missed all connection with the pill in the ninth while Defiance with a man on third and two down bingled an easy one to third which was aeroplaned above the initial sacker's head, thus permitting Defiance to cop the game.

## OHIO NORTHERN GAME

The team suffered a complete whitewash from the O. N. U. aggregation on the local diamond. Geiger steamed them across with deadly effect, allowing but six men hits, but the old error type of base ball pervaded and O. N. U. circuited the diamond nine complete times. Bluffton's weakness at the bat came out most forcibly, two hits being the total. The visitors scored their runs in the first, sixth, eighth and ninth innings.

## HEIDELBERG'S ARRIVAL

Bluffton College opened up base ball relationships with Heidelberg on the home field. The cold weather worked hard against Geiger and the visitors smashed for sixteen clean hits while Bluffton's feeble batting put them on the score card for five scattered hits. The team found themselves at the end of the ninth, ten circuits in the rear, the final score being 12-2.

## FINDLAY CATASTROPHE

The three preceding defeats of the team were beginning to tell on the amount of home support given to the nine. Accompanied by a hand full of loyal rooters, the squad turned about face and assaulted the Findlay aggregation at Findlay. A general blow-up gave Findlay the advantage of three runs the first inning which were never reciprocated by the home team during the remainder of the somewhat freakish and unlucky game. The final score was 6-2.

## BOWLING GREEN TRIP

Bowling Green State Normal suffered to the team its fifth straight defeat upon the rolling diamond of Normal. Bluffton circled once the first inning while State Normal retaliated by bunching hits, thereby running three men across the "rubber." Two runs in the third inning and two more in the fifth gave Bluffton the lead by one. B. G. slipped one across in the last half of the fifth, tying the score neither team scored then until the ninth when a wild throw to Howe at home plate scored the winning run for Normal.

After the first inning Bixie played a stellar game in the box. He had a steady delivery and exercised much coolness thruout the game, especially when hard pressed at times. B. G. connected for eight hits and had eight stike-outs to their credit, as against the four Raberling was able to put over on Bluffton.

Bluffton walloped out nine hits, Studer and Howe getting 3 out of 5 and 3 out of 4 respectively. Considering the uneven diamond Bluffton fielded well, the defeat, however, being due to costly errors. Nevertheless two lightning double plays, Bixie to Howe to Studer, and Howe to Studer, kept down B. G's. further scoring.

## FINDLAY AT BLUFFTON

Findlay furnished the climax for the basket ball story and likewise aided the base ball team. The purple and white nine had marched around the wall of despair and defeat for six consecutive times but with jaws set they circled the wall for the seventh time. The jinx was slain and the walls came tumbling down amid the shouts of Bluffton fans.

In the fourth inning Findlay led 6-1. In the sixth Bluffton had a rally and cleared the "rubber" for three scores. In the eighth the unexpected happened. Howe led out with a two-bagger to left; Studer followed by a duplicate to center; Tschantz topped it off by sending a similar one to right. Two clean singles followed these and before Findlay recovered, four of the Blufftonites had crossed the plate. Findlay failed to connect in the ninth and suffered a very lamentable defeat to our squad, 8-6.



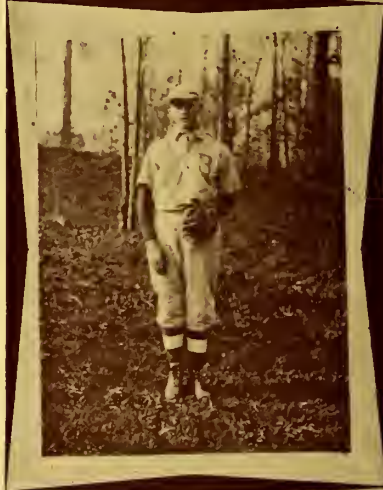


## VERNON RAMSEYER

THIRD BASE AND CAPTAIN

"RAMSEY"

This breezy westerner held watch over the third sack. His jabbering was a source of irritation to his opponents and the mainspring in keeping pep in the team. Captain Ramseyer has been a veteran for three years in College base ball and has nobly done his part in the constant uphill struggle the team has had in holding its own during that time. With the stick he had moderate success and due to his speedy base-running was often able to cross the plate, where otherwise such would have been an impossibility. Hats off to this snappy, little player!



## HARVEY BAUMAN

RIGHT FIELD

"BAUMAN"

When did he learn to play base ball? Never mind, that's the reward for the fellow who comes out and works. Little did we dream of the base ball talent brooding within this silent man. He played the right wing of the game and did it so well that he held it down the greater part of the season. At opportune times he swung the bat for a clean single thus giving him fair promises of future slugging. We admire the man who can work himself to fame in so short a time.



## HOMER GEIGER

PITCHER

"GEIGER"

Geiger was at the pitching end of the battery until his call to the colors came. The team was able to have his assistance during the first half of the season, when were met the most difficult teams of the entire schedule. With perfect support, Geiger would have had his share of victories. Under the greatest pressure this twirler was able to deliver his hottest stuff. A pitcher must have control and plenty of stuff on the ball. In Geiger we had all these essentials, with one additional, "smoke."

## WILBUR HOWE

### CATCHER

"DAD"

Howe took all responsibility at the receiving end of the battery. With two years' experience on the Varsity team he played a veteran type of ball behind the bat. His heavy peg enabled him to put a check on the average base runner. Fearless under cover of his catcher's armor, Howe was able to stop his man at home plate, if opportunity offered itself. His first two years found him weak at the bat but his high mark this year puts him at the clean-up position in the batting order.



## GORDON BIXEL

### PITCHER

"BIXIE"

Did we see that fellow before? Yes, it's Bixie, the left wing of our team before Geiger left and afterwards the only one left who could twirl. As a fielder this little chap was a star. Few could equal him in speed and cover any more ground successfully. Pitching was not in his line until the team found itself in need of a "boxman." Because of his clear headwork, excellent twisting and good control, Bixie could always hold his opponents to a reasonable amount of hits.



## HERBERT GOTTSHALL

### CENTER FIELD

"GOTTY"

There's Gotty, the man who takes care of the field between left and right. His keen eagle-like fielder's eye proved fatal to any one trying to raise his batting average by slugging one to center field. He had some trouble in making safe connection with the pill but when given a chance he would often manage to cross the plate for a counter. With some more experience we predict of hearing from him later in Bluffton College base ball circles.







## CLYDE TSCHANTZ

MANAGER AND SECOND BASE

"TSCHANTZ"

In Tschantz we had a man nervy enough to tackle second base. Our manager played second fiddle on the squad last year but owing to his ability as a player he made a good regular this year. He is fast on fielding and at the critical moment was always able to deliver the best kind of goods. To him must be given the credit for having a good schedule and for having brot the team thru safely from the financial standpoint.

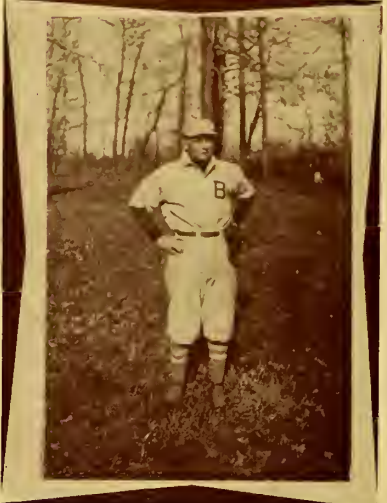


## DONALD AUGSBURGER

SHORTSTOP

"DONNIE"

And that little fellow played shortstop? He certainly did. Not very tall? No, but a mighty good jumper and a little terror on groundwork. Donnie knew his position and was a conscientious player. There was no time for horse play on his pegs to first sack. He was a valuable man to have around when any stick handling had to be done. As lead-off man on the batting list, he was able to brush the plate more often for a score than any other man on the team.



## JACOB JANTZ

LEFT FIELD

"JAKIE"

Yes, that's Jakie with his broad grin. This little man has the real Canadian "stick-to-itiveness" in him. For the last three years he has been working hard at the big game. With a little more experience he will become a regular on the team. As it is, he has been rewarded to a certain extent, by getting to play several innings during the later part of the schedule. This man will prove of still greater value to Bluffton College base ball in the near future.



# THE 1918 ASTA



## CLAIR STUDER

FIRST BASE

"STUDER"

Watch that first sacker! Did he get it? Everything that comes within his territory from mid-air is captured. With Studer on the initial sack all went well in that region. At all times he played a stellar game, his special hobby being to nab pop flies and fouls. At the stick he was one of the best, holding his high school record and keeping his average at an enviable mark. His occasional long drives aided much in helping the team get their reasonable share of runs.

## HAROLD GUTH

PITCHER

"FUZZ"

Here is a man who was always out during the first half season of practice. Because of him being chosen to represent the purple and white at the Pittsburg track meet, he left the game for still bigger game. Fuzz did his part as a relay pitcher in testing the batting eye of the Varsity. Considering his little experience he could twirl with reasonable assurance and by consistent workouts would have made a handy man for the box.

## RESULTS OF SEASON

Bluffton 3	Defiance 4
Bluffton 0	O. N. U. 10
Bluffton 2	Heidelberg 12
Bluffton 2	Findlay 6
Bluffton 5	Bowling Green 6
Bluffton 0	Defiance 4
Bluffton 8	Findlay 6

# VERDANT BLUFFTON



SOME GIRLS DO,



SOME GIRLS DON'T,



SOME GIRLS WON'T.



SOME GIRLS WILL



KEEP-EYE, MAMA!!



KNOWY THE SECOND



BROTHERS



WEEPING WILLIES



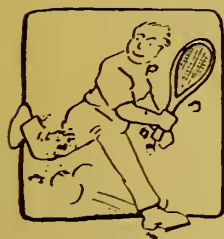
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TRACK TEAM



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# TENNIS

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**Tennis Association Officers**

From left to right—Strubhar, Flueckiger, Kennel, Ramseyer.

## TENNIS

**T**ENNIS needs no introduction to Bluffton College. It is one of the finest and best sports, for our girls and our men we have. More people take part in this game than any other athletic department in the College. Tennis is not too strenuous for the normal girl and yet is difficult enough for the most masculine of men.

No person can be a napper and play tennis. The successful tennis player becomes the most active and agile. It brings into action the most delicate of muscles. A slip of the foot or a slight twist of the wrist often loses the game. It creates within the player the ability to stick hard and pull thru difficulty by the most skillful of tactics. The delicate points of the game requires a keen eye and speedy thinking. The mechanical part of the game is important but brains are the most important.

To the rattle brain, tennis is a sure cure. To master the tennis game is to collect your brains. On the side lines we have use for the shouter and smasher, but the game requires the best of sportsmen. Wild playing and smashing spoil the game. Deliberation and calculation together with accurate placing are the essential acquirements of tennis in the school.

### Officers:—

Olga Kennel .....	President
Vernon Ramseyer .....	Vice-President
Ruth Strubhar .....	Secretary-Treasurer
Samuel Flueckiger .....	Manager

## Tennis Tournament

EARLY last fall a tennis tournament was staged between the different students of the College, but because of bad weather conditions it was only partially carried out. This spring manager Flueckiger scheduled several inter-collegiate games. How to select the team was the next question. The only fair and practical way out was to have another tournament. During the last few years great interest has been shown toward tennis and has developed quite a few good amateurs among the College men. From these men the team had to be selected.

Within three days the elimination took place. The third elimination series found S. Flueckiger, D. Baumgartner, Speedy, S. Geiger, V. Ramseyer and T. Scheid still in the race. Of the first three, Speedy and Baumgartner made the semi-finals and of the last three men, Ramseyer and Scheid; Baumgartner took the finals in the first division 6-1, 6-1. T. Scheid took the other division 8-6, 6-1. Thus Baumgartner and Scheid constituted the tennis team for the purple and white.

This tournament has since awakened greater interest toward the tennis game. Enthusiasm must of necessity be the chief element in boosting good athletics. Inter-class games, tournaments, etc., do as much for our athletic spirit as the inter-collegiate games.

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### HEIDELBERG MATCH

Heidelberg went away with flying colors this spring when they crossed bats with Bluffton, but Bluffton came back strong in the tennis match with the Tiffin school and avenged themselves for the former defeat. Three matches were played in the tournament, two of them being singles and the last one a doubles match. In the singles Bluffton and her opponent split even but in the doubles Bluffton easily won the day by taking the match 6-1, 6-3.

Schultz and Wickman were the Heidelberg team while Baumgartner and Scheid took the courts for Bluffton. The weather conditions were ideal for a tennis match and the quartet of net men showed their appreciation by displaying some finished tennis.

In the singles Baumgartner matched against Wickman, who offered very little opposition in the first set. However in the second set he found his bearings and threatened some disastrous results. Twice the set score was deuce, but by several well placed returns and heady net-smashing plays Baumgartner took Wickman's serve at 6-6 and then won his own.

Schultz and Scheid were a little more evenly matched and this match was the most exciting. Schultz was the stronger of the Heidelberg men and used good judgment in placing his returns. Scheid had the most difficult service but because of his elimination match that morning had little resistance. Schultz took the first set 6-3. Ted captured the next 7-5 but Heidelberg's consistent playing in the third set defeated him 9-7. Thus Heidelberg and Bluffton were tied.

The doubles were a complete triumph for our men. They worked well together returning better and serving much more effectively. The score in sets was 6-1, 6-3. Thus the final score left Bluffton 3-1 in the good.

A return game with Heidelberg, two with Findlay and two with Capitol University are to be played later.





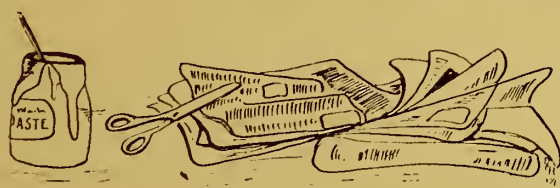


## Organizations





# LITERARY ORGANIZATIONS







## Inter-Society Council

Upper row—Soldner, Myers, Sprunger, Auten.

Lower row—Keiser, Steiner, Egly, Leete, Stauffer.

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Chairman  
William Egly

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## SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES

### Adelphians

Edwin Stauffer  
Austin Keiser  
Vernon Ramseyer

### Athenians

Milton Sprunger  
Aaron Myers

### Aletheans

Hilda Leete  
Bonnie Steiner

### Philomatheans

Mary Auten  
Dora Soldner

## Inter-Society Council

WITH the organization of the four different literary societies, the students felt the need of having some means of co-operation between these different societies. Consequently in 1915 the Inter-Society council was organized. This organization consists of two representatives from each society, with the English Professor, Mr. Egly, as Faculty Advisor. All inter-society events come under the jurisdiction of the council. And it is thru this organization that the different societies are enabled to co-operate and work together in such a way as will be most beneficial to the entire student body. The uniform system of the weekly meetings of the different societies and the soliciting of new members are all planned by the council. Intercollegiate debates were also arranged but as all colleges are suffering more or less from the present world conditions, this project could not be carried thru this year.

However, a debate for the men had been scheduled with Findlay College, but owing to the scarcity of debaters in the college, and because of the large amount of work that each of the men had to do, it was dropped. The question of government ownership of the railroads was to be debated. The following men were chosen to represent Bluffton: Grover Soldner, Wilbur Howe, Harvey Bauman, Vernon Ramseyer, Raymond Schryer, Aaron Myers, Joseph Rediger and Alwin Van der Smissen. It was a keen disappointment to all that the debate did not materialize.

The girls had an equal amount of hard luck with their debate. The question of Japanese immigration had been selected as the ground for discussion. But after the work was nicely underway, Ashland decided that she was too busy, and could not find anyone who had enough time to debate. So we had another disappointment. The girls who were chosen for the teams were: Dora Soldner, Ruth Krehbiel, Ethel Steinman, Metta Lehmann, Ruth Ringelman, Lenore Miller, Lillian Lantz and Louise Urich.

Altho the Inter-Society Council did not have as much work in charge this year as in some other years, yet what they had to do was done in a very acceptable manner.



## Alethran

Lela Farrall  
 Pauline Hammack  
 Norah Lambert  
 Florence Lehmann  
 Elizabeth Kunst  
 Pauline Stultz  
 Herminia Augspurger  
 Alice Mueller  
 Geneva Hiestand  
 Huldah Schutz  
 Irene Huffman  
 Elda Sutter  
 Metta Lehmann  
 Ella Habegger  
 Cordelia Lahr  
 Mildred Keel  
 Fannie Clymer  
 Gertrude Hilty  
 Elrena Tschantz

Edith McPeak  
 Ella Garber  
 Metta Habegger  
 Adah Good  
 Rhoda Basinger  
 Genevieve Betzner  
 Louise Ulrich  
 Beulah Geiger  
 Lenore Miller  
 Sybilla Sprunger  
 Erma Stearns  
 Ruth Amstutz  
 Marie Augspurger  
 Harriet Scheid  
 Bonnie Steiner  
 Marie Lahr  
 Geneva Steiner  
 Bernice Bogart



## Alethean

THE beginning of the school year found many of last year's Aletheans missing, this was due partly to the large number of seniors, and partly to the fact that some of our lower classmen had also gone into the teaching profession. But the new school year brought a lot of new material and the past year has proven that the Alethean band has decreased neither in numbers nor in quality of work done.

The present role of the society is forty-two, many of whom are just entering college life but have shown great literary ability.

The year's work was carried out under a somewhat definite plan of study. And most of the work was devoted to a systematic study of American Literature, with an occasional program on current questions and events. The work began with the early religious productions of the Mathers and their contemporaries and from them followed our literature as it developed with novelist, poet and orator, until the present day. On the whole the past year's work has placed the society on a firmer literary basis than it has perhaps ever been before. And altho it may, at the time, not have seemed so interesting and entertaining, yet we feel that the benefit received was worth the effort expended. We, as Aletheans, have learned during the past year, that to give the most efficient and thorough literary training, a society must be not merely a place of entertainment, but a place of hard work and careful preparation.

Sometime during the year it was suggested that the appearance of our Society Hall be made more attractive and inviting. The society decided to begin by working 'from the bottom up,' and now in place of the former, bare, dusty floor, we find a waxed floor with two tastefully chosen new rugs.

Thus in looking back over the past year we feel that, in spite of difficulties and weaknesses, the work of the society has, after all been successful in the full measure of the word. And that we can look forward and see great possibilities in store for the future Alethean band.

### OFFICERS FIRST SEMESTER

Lenore Miller .....	President
Florence Lehmann .....	Vice President
Sybilla Sprunger .....	Treasurer
Beulah Geiger .....	Secretary
Metta Habegger .....	Critic
Elda Sutter .....	Sergeant

### OFFICERS SECOND SEMESTER

Metta Lehmann .....	President
Hilda Leete .....	Vice President
Rhoda Basinger .....	Treasurer
Bernice Bogart .....	Secretary
Lenore Miller .....	Critic
Lela Ferrall .....	Sergeant



**Philomathean**

Ruth Rudy  
 Ruth Ringelman  
 Olga Kennel  
 Ruth Krehbiel  
 Frieda Streid  
 Inez Lehman  
 Gwendolyn Lowry  
 Kahtoma Strow  
 Edna Steinman  
 Esta Lugibill  
 Freeda Roth  
 Martha Kohli  
 Selma Roethlisberger  
 Beritie Hallman  
 Ella Welty  
 Agnes Auten

Rhoda Amstutz  
 Dora Soldner  
 Mae Heller  
 Freda Steider  
 Mildred Bixel  
 Marguerite Schmidt  
 Edith Amstutz  
 Leona Gerber  
 Wanda Battles  
 Helen Schwartzentraub  
 Estelle Lugibill  
 Mary Auten  
 Ruth Strubhar  
 Ethel Steinman  
 Florence Yoder  
 Lelia Roth

## Philomathean

THE Philomatheans in the last year have enjoyed a very profitable season. Before the literary rush, during the first month of school, the old members all put themselves to the task of adding some improvements to the literary room. The floor was stained, curtains hung, and with the addition of a piano the room made a striking appearance. During the rush the Philomatheans succeeded in pledging twenty-three Freshman girls making a present membership of forty-four girls. The programs this year have been varied and interesting. In the fall the society was divided into four sections, each section having its own leader, and giving its own original program. The first one was a Japanese program, another one modern problems, a patriotic program and the last one was a play entitled "Ladies of Athens." These caused a pleasant rivalry and held the attention of all the girls. Special credit must be given to the program committees for the excellent results.

### OFFICERS FIRST SEMESTER

Ruth Strubhar .....	President
Ethel Steinman .....	Vice President
Mary Auten .....	Secretary
Ruth Ringelman .....	Treasurer
Ruth Krehbiel .....	Critic
Lelia Roth .....	Chaplain
Agnes Auten .....	} Program Committee
Florence Yoder .....	
Freda Roth .....	

### OFFICERS FIRST SEMESTER

Dora Soldner .....	President
Kahtoma Strow .....	Vice President
Lelia Roth .....	Secretary
Marguerite Schmitt .....	Treasurer
Ruth Krehbiel .....	} Program Committee
Estelle Lugibill .....	
Orvilla Loganbill .....	





## Athenian

Paul Adams  
 Donavin Baumgartner  
 Paul Welty  
 Theodore Scheid  
 Steiner Geiger  
 Alvin Anderson  
 Glen Schryer  
 Clyde Tschantz  
 Isaac Boehr  
 Alwin V. d. Smissen

Joel Habegger  
 Ezra Moser  
 Clair Studer  
 Floyd Pannebecker  
 Kenion Kaufman  
 Noah Burkhalter  
 Grover Soldner  
 Aaron Myers  
 Milton Sprunger  
 Raymond Wulliman

## Athenian

CARLYSLE says, "The great law of culture is, let each become all that he was created capable of being; expand, if possible, to his full growth." True culture, a symmetrical development of all our faculties, an understanding and appreciation of all life, and a sympathy and capacity in its advancement, is surely the main object and the dominant purpose of a college career. Not the smallest factor in the attainment of this aim is literary study and practise and for the latter no better place can be found than a literary society.

During the past year the Athenians have exercised themselves in debate, extemporaneous work and parliamentary drill. Ample opportunity was also given for development along elocutionary and musical lines. In the debates, questions of popular interest and current importance were studied and discussed, and proved of much benefit to the participants. Extemporaneous speeches and debates showed their importance and worth in their aid to quick thought and revealed the hidden genius of more than one person. The parliamentary drills tested the ability of the members in the conducting of a business meeting.

The Athenians were well represented in practically all the organizations and activities of the College, manifesting an interest in the welfare of the school, and a concern in doing their part toward keeping things going.

Although the membership of the organization was somewhat smaller than last year, this fact was not lamented but was turned to good account, giving each member more chances to appear on the program, thus assuring him of more intensive training than would have been possible otherwise.

Interest was manifested in the work, and however high standards and ideals were set up, development beyond these standards was encouraged. A genuine effort was made to give to every member opportunity for practise and training in performing in public with a grace and ease that can come only thru concentrated effort, and by arduous and long continued practise. The members realize that the training acquired by all these phases of literary activity is of incalculable value and importance, and look forward to a future crowned with success, not only for the society, but also for themselves as individuals, and for Bluffton College.

### OFFICERS FIRST SEMESTER

G. T. Soldner .....	President
Noah Burkhalter .....	Vice President
Aaron Myers .....	Secretary-Treasurer
Isaac Boehr .....	Chaplain
A. Van der Smissen .....	Sergeant
Floyd Pannebecker .....	Critic
Aaron Myers .....	Chairman of Program Committee

### OFFICERS SECOND SEMESTER

Isaac Boehr .....	President
Clyde Tschantz .....	Vice President
Ezra Moser .....	Secretary-Treasurer
Theo. A. Van der Smissen .....	Chaplain
Donavin Baumgartner .....	Sergeant
Floyd Pannebecker .....	Critic
Raymond Wulliman .....	Chairman Program Committee



## Adelpkian

Gerhard Franz  
 Samuel Moyer  
 Clair Stettler  
 Donald Adkins  
 Harold Guth  
 Joash Stutzman  
 Delbert Welty  
 Herbert Gottshall  
 Homer Geiger  
 Joseph Rediger  
 Samuel Flueckiger  
 Andrew Burcky  
 Raymond Schryer  
 Austin Keiser  
 Jephtha Zuercher  
 Wilmer Shelly

Abram Rickert  
 Fred Welty  
 William Stauffer  
 Kimmel Thompson  
 Jacob Jantz  
 Andrew Neuenschwander  
 Vernon Ramseyer  
 Wilbur Howe  
 Andrew Bechtel  
 Edwin Stauffer  
 Gordon Bixel  
 Harry Wenger  
 Byron Basinger  
 Menno Lehmann  
 Oswin Zuercher



## Adelphian

THIS has been one of the most successful years in the history of the Adelphian society. This society lost many of its strong membership thru graduation, enlisting or the draft, but by the persistent toil of those who remained, eighteen new members were enrolled in the beginning of the year which raised the membership to thirty-five.

The Adelphians aim to give to their members training which shall be of the greatest service in life. Ample provision is made for each one to show his ability in all phases of literary activities. This is accomplished by carefully arranging the program so that each member is given a chance to show his talents as a reader, orator, debater and essayist.

The strongest efforts were put forth in debating. This is shown by the fact that the Adelphians would have had five men on the debating teams had Bluffton been successful in arranging for an intercollegiate debate during the school year. Questions of national and international importance are debated. This trains the student to think a'ong broad lines. Impromptu debates are called for occasionally. This trains the student to organize his thoughts not only quickly but also logically. Work of this nature tends to make the student not only an intensive but also an extensive reader.

Those students who have aspirations in oratorical lines find their ambitions appeased when they enter the Adelphian society because much emphasis is laid upon this field of literary work. Each program contains one reading and often an oration. This gives the student excellent training in memory work. This is probably the best way to learn how to face an audience and hold their attention. The advantage of an oration is that it also gives the student training in exposition besides growth in memory and expression.

No small amount of stress is laid upon the writing of essays which are very essential in giving a student the proper training in the writing of exposition. One also learns to read in an intelligent and interesting manner.

The imagination is brought into play by the writing of original stories. Relating events in an interesting manner is a difficult task which is overcome in this way. Current events are frequently discussed. One or two impromptus are called for in each meeting.

Whenever time permits, the Adelphians are given training in parliamentary rules thru parliamentary drill. This is one of the most practical lessons obtained from any literary training. These things have helped to put the Adelphian society in its present prosperous condition.

### OFFICERS FIRST SEMESTER

Vernon C. Ramseyer .....	President
Wilbur Howe .....	Vice President
Harvey Bauman .....	Secretary-Treasurer
Jacob Jantz .....	Chaplain
Harold Guth .....	Sergeant
Wilmer Shelly .....	Critic

### OFFICERS SECOND SEMESTER

Wilbur Howe .....	President
Harvey Bauman .....	Vice President
Raymond Schryer .....	Secretary-Treasurer
Abram Rickert .....	Chaplain
Clair Stettler .....	Sergeant
Samuel Moyer .....	Critic



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BEAR, BARE OR BOEHR?



HER CHOICE-?



AND THE FAMOUS LITTLE RILEY,  
IN EXCITEMENT ROSE UP HIGHLY.



NUTS



STEPS TO HAPPINESS



SOME SPORTS



MARRIED



# CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS







Y. M. C. A. Cabinet

From lower left-hand corner to top—Miller, Geiger, Stearns, Roth, Habegger, Strubhar, Welty, Kennel, Auten, Mueller, Lehmann.

## CABINET OFFICERS 1917-18

Metta Habegger .....	President
Erma Stearns .....	Vice-President
Agnes Auten .....	Secretary
Beulah Geiger .....	Treasurer
Lenore Miller .....	Religious Meetings
Lelia Roth .....	Bible and Mission Study
Ella Welty .....	Social Service
Olga Kennel .....	Social
Ruth Strubhar .....	Association News

# THE Y. W. C. A. LIST

## Y. W. C. A.

**F**ROM the time of organization in 1913, with about thirty members, the Young Woman's Christian Association has aimed to deepen and broaden the spiritual and social forces in each College woman's life. At present the membership is more than double the original number and the Association is justified in believing that the worthy aim is being more nearly realized year by year.

The Y. W. C. A. challenges the consideration, time and energy of every thoughtful girl. It is the first organization which welcomes her and opens up college life and activity. The Y. W. C. A. stands for the highest and best in womanhood and in the weekly meetings provides for a freedom of religious expression characteristic of each girl. The social service work represents a definite factor in the organization and the weekly Bible and Mission Study classes are especially designed to meet the needs of our College women.

Thru the conference and councils held with various associations a friendly intercollegiate spirit results, opportunities of meeting prominent men and women in Christian work are afforded, and valuable friendships with women of other institutions are fostered. The Association sends a representative delegation to Eaglesmere, Pa., each summer and delegates are sent to the various state conferences during the year. The Cabinet meets with the Annual District Cabinet Council and aims to hold a local cabinet council at the opening of the school year.

"Service" is the watchword of the Bluffton Y. W. C. A. and thru the co-operation of all girls a multiplicity of demands are constantly met. In all its departments the Y. W. C. A. aspires to help each girl realize more vitally the assurance of the Christ—"I am come that ye might have life and that ye might have it more abundantly."

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### CABINET 1918-19

Lenore Miller .....	President
Ruth Strubhar ...	Vice-President
Ruth Amstutz .....	Secretary
Marie Lahr .....	Treasurer
Ella Garber .....	Religious Meetings
Lelia Roth .....	Bible and Mission Study
Erma Stearns .....	Social Service
Beulah Geiger .....	Social
Herminia Augsburg .....	Association News
Cleora Basinger .....	Music



Y. M. C. A. Cabinet

Keiser	Baumgartner
Moser	Soldner
Howe	Bauman
Burkhalter	Sprunger
Dr. Langenwaller	
Jantz	
Myers	

## CABINET 1917-18

Paul Welty *—Aaron Myers	President
Aaron Myers—Ezra Moser	Vice President
Donavin Baumgartner	Secretary
Wilbur Howe	Treasurer
Edwin Stauffer *—Noah Burkhalter	Religious Meetings
Aaron Myers—Harvey Bauman	Bible and Mission Study
Grover Soldner	Social Service
Wilmer Shelly *—Austin Keiser	Social
Milton Sprunger	Association News
Jacob Jantz	Music

\* Enlisted



# THE Y. M. C. A. LISTA

## Y. M. C. A.

THE Y. is undoubtedly the best socializing agency in the college. It brought the men face to face and knitted them together as no other organization could have done. The Y. socials, which were frequently held, did much to instill the spirit of cooperation into the hearts and minds of the young men.

The Y. had a harder struggle this year than any other organization. The President, "Cy" Welty, who worked nobly in making the new students "come across" in the beginning of the year, enlisted and left us before half the school year had elapsed. Vice-President, Aaron Myers, then took charge and as a result of his able steering was elected president for the ensuing year. Besides the president, several of our most active workers enlisted and left the affairs of the Y. in the hands of new men.

However great the obstacles which faced the Y. may have been, we feel certain that each member reaped some benefit from the year's work and we do not hesitate in saying that this year has been a success. As the number of men in college decreases, the responsibility of each one left increases. What we can not show in quantity, let us make up in quality and help make the Y. be a vital factor in our own lives as well as in the lives of our fellow-students.

The new cabinet for next year is as follows:

### Y. M. C. A. CABINET 1918-19

Aaron Myers .....	President
Donavin Baumgartner .....	Vice President
Raymond Wulliman .....	Secretary
Gordon Bixel .....	Treasurer
Harvey Bauman .....	Religious Meetings
Wilbur Howe .....	Bible and Mission Study
Austin Keiser .....	Social Service
Vernon Ramseyer .....	Social
Raymond Schryer .....	Association News
Jacob Jantz .....	Music



## Student Volunteers

Upper row—Berky, Boehr.

Middle row—Jantz, Roth, Moyer, Garber, Burkhalter.

Lower row—Pannebecker, Lehmann, Bixel.

THE Student Volunteer Band of Bluffton College is an organization of which we certainly can be proud. By a Student Volunteer we mean one who is ready and willing to make the foreign missionary field the seat of his life's work. This work need not necessarily be preaching but may comprise medical, engineering, educational or agricultural work. The purpose of the movement is:—

1. To awaken and maintain among all Christian students of the United States and Canada intelligent and active interest in foreign missions.

2. To enroll a sufficient number of properly trained student volunteers to meet the successive demands of various missionary boards of North America.

3. To help all such intending missionaries to prepare for their life work and to enlist their co-operation in developing the mission life of home churches.

4. To lay an equal burden of responsibility on all students who are to remain ministers and lay workers so that they may actively promote the missionary enterprise by their intelligent advocacy, by their gifts and by their prayers.

The Student Volunteer Band has eleven members. The band held weekly meetings thruout the year at which missionary subjects and books were discussed and studied. Besides these meetings, members are frequently called upon to do religious work in the churches of the community.

## Officers

Floyd Pannebecker .....	President
Lelia Roth .....	Secretary-Treasurer

## Conferences

### NORTHFIELD

**N**ORTHFIELD is a place which has become dear to several of our Y. M. workers. The nineteen hundred seventeen conference opened June, the nineteenth, and closed June, the twenty-ninth. The Y. M. received a marked benefit from the inspirations which Paul Welty, Aaron Myers and Harry Ramseyer received at this conference.

### DENNISON

Dennison had the honor this year of entertaining the Y. M. presidents and vice-presidents during the conference which was held from March first to third. Our president, Aaron Myers, attended but our vice-president, Donavin Baumgartner, found it impossible to do so because of a basket ball game.

### STUDENT VOLUNTEER

Baldwin-Wallace College found a large Bluffton delegation at the Student Volunteer Conference which was held from March eighth to tenth, nineteen eighteen. Edith McPeak, Metta Habegger, Metta Lehmann, Lelia Roth, Agnes Auten, Ella Habegger, Hannah Bracy, Samuel Moyer, Floyd Pannebecker and Harvey Bauman attended. Bluffton was honored by having Samuel Moyer chosen as president of the Northern Ohio Conference for the coming year.

### LIMA STUDENT VOLUNTEER

The Lima Student Volunteer Conference which was held on March the seventeenth, witnessed a fair Bluffton delegation. Metta Lehmann, Ella Garber, Floyd Pannebecker and Samuel Moyer had the privilege of attending this conference. The spirit of our volunteers is shown by their willingness to attend these conferences and by the active part which they take.

### I. P. A.

The Intercollegiate Prohibition Association of Ohio held its conference on May tenth and eleventh. Erma Stearns, Austin Keiser and Aaron Myers were the Bluffton delegates. Mr. Myers ably represented Bluffton with an oration. The inspiration which these delegates received will help to organize and strengthen the Bluffton prohibition forces for the fall drive.





SUGAR SHOP



The Inn



ART BUILDING



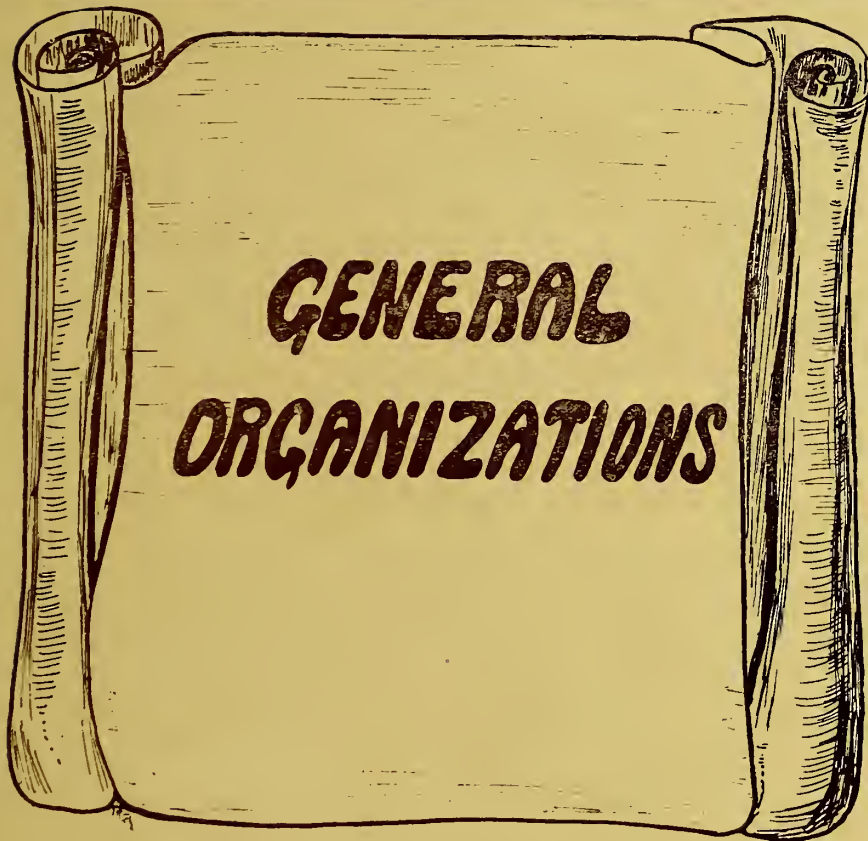
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THE BEACH



B.C. Delegates





## Student Senate

Upper row—Welty, Kennel, Soldner, Krehbiel, Bauman, Lehmann.  
Lower row—Soldner, Shelly, Stearns, Stauffer, Habegger, Ramseyer.

WITH the introduction of the honor system into Bluffton College, the task of self government was largely turned over to the students themselves. To act as a medium between the faculty and students, and as an executive body in this self government, the Student Senate, composed of twelve members elected by the various student organizations, was established.

By the resignation of three of the Senate members, the president, Edwin Stauffer, Paul Welty and Wilmer Shelly, all of whom enlisted in the service of their country, the personnel of the organization was somewhat changed during the first semester of this year. To fill these vacancies Donavin Baumgartner, Ezra Moser and Wilbur Howe were elected by the various organizations whose representation was thus withdrawn.

The Student Senate has been influential in carrying on several constructive activities during the year. Thru its initiative the campaign for the Student Friendship War Fund was successfully carried out. Also under its direction, a humorous entertainment was given, the proceeds of which were given to the War Library Fund.

## STUDENT SENATE REPRESENTATIVES

Student Body	Athenians	Choral Society
Paul Welty *	Grover Soldner	Wilmer Shelly *
Olga Kennel, Secretary	Y. M. C. A.	Metta Habegger
Ezra Moser	Harvey Bauman	Wilbur Howe
Philomatheans	Adelphians	Athletic Association
Dora Soldner	Vernon Ramseyer	Edwin Stauffer, * President
Aletheans	Y. W. C. A.	Ruth Krehbiel, V-President
Metta Lehmann	Erma Stearns	Donavin Baumgartner
* Enlisted in the service		





**Ista Staff**

Upper row—Miller, Bauman, Ringelman, Adams, Amstutz, Stearns.

Lower row—Ramseyer, Tschantz, Strubhar, Keiser.

**D**URING the school year of 1913-14, while our Alma Mater was reorganized and was changed from Central Mennonite to Bluffton College, some of the students began to realize the need of a College annual, which would make known to the outside world the real worth, merit, and proceedings of the institution.

The following year the Junior class took up this idea, organized and decided to publish such an annual, which should be called "The Ista." True to this custom it has, since then fallen to the lot of each Junior class to publish the Ista. The word "Ista" is of Indian origin and signifies "eye."

The editor and business manager are usually elected by the Junior class, as a whole, while the other members of the staff are appointed by the editor and manager.

The object of the Ista of 1918 is to deal with the whole institution including faculty, students, various organizations and whatever may seem fit and profitable as a representation and record of the past year's work and activities. It has been our aim to make the Ista expand and grow just as Bluffton has expanded and grown, keeping as our foremost thought and purpose, Greater Bluffton College.



## Press Club

Standing—Wenger, Dr. Smith, Kaufman, Amstutz, Leete, Welty, Schryer.  
Sitting—Ringelman, Stauffer, Sprunger.

## WITMAR SUM STAFF

Edwin S. Stauffer, '18 .....	Editor
Ruth L. Ringelman, '19 .....	Associate Editor
Omar Amstutz, '19 .....	} Staff Reporters
Hilda Leete, '20 .....	
Harry Wenger, '21 .....	
Milton Sprunger, '20 .....	Business Manager
Paul Welty, '18 .....	Circulating Manager
Raymond Schryer, '20 .....	} Advertising Managers
Kenion Kaufman, '20 .....	

## Press Club

**D**URING the past year the personnel of this organization has been almost completely changed.

Mr. Stauffer, the editor, is now in active service "somewhere in France," and his work as editor has been placed in Miss Ringelman's charge. She has proven herself more than equal to the task. Business Manager Sprunger also did very commendable work in making the publication a financial success. The Circulating Manager, Paul Welty, enlisted early in the year after having increased the subscription list above that of any previous year. He was replaced by Alwin v. d. Smissen, who filled the vacancy in a splendid manner. Clair Stettler took over a part of the work in the advertising department, Kenion Kaufman having been forced to discontinue his school work on account of sickness. Not only the organization, but also its product, has undergone a decided change, since last year. Instead of the monthly issue, we now have a weekly sheet. This form, though perhaps not as rich in literary productions, has proven to be intensely more interesting, 'newsy,' and less 'stale' than the former monthly issues. Through the loyal cooperation of the student body, as a whole, and the kindly interest of the local business men, this organization has been enabled to attain its past and present success. Its future success will depend upon these same factors. While the circulation is not as large as might be desired, it has been of sufficient size to warrant the financial success of the paper. Practically all of the former students and alumni are subscribers for the Witmarsum and are delighted with its weekly appearance. The Press Club endeavored to send each of our boys in training camps a copy of the paper free of charge each week, thus allaying their loneliness and at the same time, showing our patriotism and interest in them.

The paper aimed to give the students' point of view on many questions and had a forum where students might comment on any question of interest, either in the way of criticism or of praise. On the whole the work of the staff has been worthy of much praise, and the publication next year should have our hearty support as it has always had in the past.





## Science Club

First row at top—Studer, Wulliman, Moser, Baumgartner, Franz, V. d. Smissen.  
 Second row—Bixel, Clymer, Sprunger, Sprunger, Lehmann, Garber, Schryer.  
 Third row—Steinman, Berky, Streid, Stauffer, Geiger, Hirschler, Yoder.  
 Fourth row—Keiser, Pannebecker, Rediger, Schryer, Bauman, Myers.

THE growth of the science department is evidenced by observing the rapid development of the Science Club. Altho only a two-year infant, this club is one of the most active and helpful organizations in the college. Thru a strenuous campaign, the membership was increased to about thirty-five.

The Science Club was very fortunate in obtaining two lecturers of national reputation. The enormity of the scientific observations and investigations which are in progress at the present time was revealed to us. Prof. D. W. Berky laid emphasis upon the peculiar diseases and animals which are found in Africa. He also related some of his experiences with polar bears in the Arctic regions. Dr. Griggs of Ohio State University, gave an interesting and instructive illustrated lecture on the "Valley of 10,000 Smokes." He revealed to us the natural beauty and the wonders of Alaska. The eruption of Mt. Katmai was the center of his talk.

## Officers

William Stauffer .....	President
Beulah Geiger .....	Vice-President
Donavin Baumgartner .....	Secretary-Treasurer
Raymond Schryer .....	} Program Committee
Frieda Streid .....	
Ezra Moser .....	



**Pennsylvania Club**

Upper row—Bechtel, Moyer, Bauman.

Middle row—Myers, Clymer, Leatherman, Stauffer.

Lower row—Rickert, Berky, Kratz, Hiestand, Keiser.

THE Pennsylvania Club has the distinction of being the first organization of its kind in Bluffton College. The fact that three members of the faculty belong to this club adds to its distinction. This organization was formed for the purpose of instilling a spirit of co-operation into the lives of the students hailing from the Keystone state and to help advertise Bluffton College in that state.

The great social event of the year was the banquet which was held on Jan. 5. The menu came direct from Pennsylvania and was served in characteristic eastern style. Everyone was in unusually high spirits, guests included. Another equally important occasion was the royal entertainment given by Dr. and Mrs. Mosiman in honor of Rev. H. G. Allebach of Pennsylvania. The true spirit of the club was shown by inviting their adopted member, "Dad."

The club is proud of the fact that four of its members are in the service of Uncle Sam. Coach Kratz is in Italy, "Eddie" Stauffer in France, Harvey Beidler in Camp Sherman, O., and Wilmer Shelly in Scott Field, Ill. Pennsylvania has always done her bit both in time of war and in time of peace. The students from the Keystone state are certainly doing their share in the various activities in Bluffton College.



# THE FRESHMAN



## Illinois Club

Top row—Steinman, Guth, Miller, Steider.  
 Second row—King, Strubhar, Roth, Schwartzentraub, Rediger.  
 Bottom row—Lantz, Burcky, Roth.

THE delegation representing the fabulously rich and fertile state of Illinois fully justifies all her rather vain boasts. Her ceaseless activity is personified by the athlete; the serious student typifies her ceaseless and earnest quest for knowledge and leadership. Her social spirit springing from her gracious and cheerful reception of all peoples, stream forth in a most pleasing combination from her bunch at Bluffton, as they hustle over the campus. But these qualities are not parceled out in individual packages; they occur in a delightful mixture. Ruth Strubhar, in her three years' stay has combined her pleasing personality with such athletic skill that even Coach Kratz envies her. Music keeps Lelia and Freeda Roth busy with its complicated harmonies; Lelia lavishes her genial nature broadcast over the student body, while Freeda tends toward centering her sympathies toward one individual. The bright and mischievous smile of "Schwartzie" is rarely mentioned—it suggests too much the thought that she cannot be here forever. In Lillian, athletic skill, splendid scholarship and charming personality vie with each other for the place of honor, the outcome is doubtful—perhaps a compromise can be expected. Frieda Steider churns wit, knowledge and strategy into a wholesome mixture, and Edna Steinman does full justice to her native state. Miller and King, noted agriculturalists, spent three very pleasant months with us, in spite of occasional frights due to rumored coal shortage, whooping cough and mumps. Harold surely lives up to his "rep" as a speedster; he no longer limits his speed to the track—it follows him in all "activities." Stutzman will not soon be forgotten—his frank and sparkling wit. The ready humor and unequalled jollity of "Ziggy" almost labeled him as a spoiled child of the "Spud Island," but whatever nationality, Burcky was THE Freshman—he is now with the colors, good luck old boy. Among our famous little group is Joseph Rediger, the ambitious student. We are proud to have him in our bunch because we know that in the near future, Rediger will have his Doctor's degree from some large university. B. C. is proud of her Illinois bunch. Nine rahs for Illinois!





## Trans-Mississippi Club

Back row—Garber, Leisy, Anderson, Schmidt, Boehr.

Front row—Ramseyer, Boehr, Krehbiel, Loganbill, Ringelman, Boehr.

**N**OTWITHSTANDING the fact that Bluffton College is a long way from home the truth still remains that many students have braved the storms of homesickness and adopted her as their Alma Mater. As a result Washington, California, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska are all represented by a club of the most active as well as the most loyal students in College.

At their mid-year banquet the following toast program was carried out:

## TOASTS—SUBJECT—THE GREAT WEST

Toastmaster—V. C. Ramseyer

You'll Have to Show Me .....	Ella Garber
Billy of Nebraska .....	John Boehr
Oklahoma Squaw .....	Orvilla Loganbill
Iowa Hogs .....	Harry Wenger
Conversation in Oklahoma .....	Ruth Ringelman
Jokes of the Far West .....	A. A. Anderson
Why I Came East .....	Meta Leisy
"Bare" Stories .....	Isaac Boehr
As We See the East from the West .....	Lena Boehr
Why I Love the Sunflower .....	Marguerite Schmidt
Pure Gold .....	Ruth Krehbiel





College Year





# *The* COLLEGE YEAR



## Hallowe'en Entertainment



**"Love Under Difficulties"**

and "The Jones Family," an original negro sketch. Also Miss Elfriede Franz, dressed as a Red Cross nurse, made an impressive appeal to the audience by singing, "The Star Spangled Banner." Home talent is always appreciated in productions of this kind, and the usual interest and support of the student body and college friends of the town was shown by the large and appreciative audience.

"Love under Difficulties" was a trialogue, bringing in a complicated, misunderstood and misrepresented case of deafness. The two to be affinitica were each privately informed by a third party that the other one was deaf. At their introduction and in their courtship imagine the strained quality and quantity of voice it took to make either the one or the other understand. The audience took it as a "scream" and it was rightly characterized. Leave the screaming to Ruth Ringelman and Sprunger and the misinforming to Howe.

"Gustav, the Professor," was a short comedy characterizing an exciting interview between an insulted and quick-tempered army officer and an elderly man who had supposedly done the insulting. Plenty of action and dramatic effect was attained, the climax being reached when Meyers lost his beard and vainly attempted to recover and restore it.

Due to the genius of Zig-gie's originality "The Jones Family" made a decided hit. Their negro sketches and

Instead of the usual Hallowe'en parties and celebrations, the Student Senate this year decided upon something which would help in these times of need, and would at the same time be enjoyable for all. Consequently a program of several short dramatic comedies was arranged for and the proceeds donated to the Y. M. C. A. War Library Fund.

The following short comedies were very successfully staged and dramatized: "Gustav, the Professor," "Love under Difficulties,"



**"Gustav, the Professor"**



# THE LISTA

ballads were purely artistic from the old southern slaves' standpoint and they brot us into closer touch with our colored neighbors from Cordelia. The colored gentlemen were Adkins, Burcky and Shelly; as to the ladies, they were——? ? Better guess.

The undertaking as a whole proved successful and we would hardly desire to go back to the old order of Hallowe'en celebrations.

The Hallowe'en entertainment and the Junior play, which was given later in the season, were the only dramatic performances that were staged by the college this year. The work in these two entertainments was of a very commendable nature. Prof. Smucker had charge of the Hallowe'en entertainment and much credit must be given to him for the splendid presentation of the evening's program. In other years the college always offered a course in dramatics, but this year Prof. Smucker, who is at the head of this department, was working in the interest of the college among the various branches of the church, so that he was not able to take charge of much of the work that might have developed had he been here. Then, too, it seemed that on account of the war there was not the usual interst shown in dramatics as during more favorable times, for many of our best men in this work were called to the colors, and the public also lost much of their interest and appreciation in such performances. It is hoped that by another year conditions will so adjust themselves that the standard of this department may be raised to where it was last year, and that students and all will show more interest in the work. Several other entertainments had been planned, but none of them materialized. An attempt was made at the beginning of the year to stage a play for the benefit of the Athletic Association, but when the West Central Ohio Basket Ball Tournament was begun and then ended successfully, the plan for giving a play was dropped. No p'ay was given on May Day as always had been the custom in former years, thus showing that not a great amount of work was accomplished this year. All seemed to be pleased with what was given, so we trust that the efforts that were made resulted in some good, and that by another year we may accomplish more.



"The Jones Family"

# THE 18 LISTA



At the End of the Rainbow

## CAST OF CHARACTERS

Robert Preston, a Lawyer .....	V. C. Ramseyer
Douglas Brown, a Football Player .....	Homer Geiger
Dick Preston, the Groom .....	W. S. Shelly
Stanley Palmer, "Hawkins, the Butler" .....	Wilbur Howe
Ted Whitney, Captain of the 'Varsity Team .....	Austin Keiser
Jack Austin, Preston's Secretary .....	Paul Adams
Marion Dayton, A Ward of Preston .....	Ruth Strubhar
Nellie Preston, a Bride .....	Flora Gottshall
Louise Ross, Known as Miss Grayson .....	Lenore Miller
Phyllis Lane, A football Enthusiast .....	Ruth Krehbiel
Kathleen Knox, Chairman of the Rushing Committee .....	Orvilla Loganbill
The Imp, A Freshman .....	Erma Stearns
Emily Elliott, With a Conscience .....	Ella Garber
Jane, A Maid with a Taste for Literature .....	Louise Urich
Mrs. Brown, Step-Mother of Douglas Brown .....	Helen Adams
Polly Price, of the Theta Phi .....	Elrena Tschantz
Elsa Earnest, of the Theta Phi .....	Margaret Schmidt
Marjorie Arnold, of the Theta Phi .....	Mae Heller
Marie Swift, of the Theta Phi .....	Marie Augspurger
Molly Bruce, of the Theta Phi .....	Ruth Ringelman

## Junior Play

**P**ERHAPS the most thrilling event of the College year for the Juniors was the staging of their play "At the End of the Rainbow." Many valid reasons might be given for the presentation of this modern masterpiece, but the Juniors condensed them and based the final decision upon three facts. First and foremost, the pecuniary distress, though not pressing at that time, was sighted in the near future, and hopeful members of the class believed the tensivity of the situation could be relieved by rendering such service. In the second place, it was deemed a worthy action to give the dramatic genius of the class an opportunity for display and a chance for growth in their art. Lastly, and most compelling in its force, was the altruistic spirit prompting the class to furnish for this and adjoining communities an evening of high, classical entertainment for a very moderate compensation.

"At the End of the Rainbow" is a comedy, typical of the present day college town and college life. It hinges about the plot of Louise Ross and her mother to gain possession of a will disinheriting them. The leading parts were played by Mr. Ramseyer and Miss Strubhar in the role of Robert Preston, a lawyer, and Marion Dayton, his ward. The romances of Douglas and Phyllis, Nellie and Dick Preston, were skilfully woven into the complications while the amusing events in the courtship of "Hawkins," the butler, and Molly Bruce, the maid, threatened to surpass them all. Jack Austin is falsely accused of substituting the documents and Marion's self-sacrifice in assuming the guilt, bring her to the attention of Preston and he discovers that he loves her. Then their dream of the pot of gold "at the end of the rainbow" is happily realized. Especially did the parts of the "Imp," the "girl with a conscience," Molly Price, and the football captain, add pep and humor to the situation. Characters for the Theta Phi house were recruited from among the Freshman girls. Their dramatic genius was not to be excelled by others of their age and the Juniors predict that by the time they have attained Junior distinction they will by dint of hard work and sacrifice, be upon a par with the present day talent.

The first public rehearsal was given in Pandora, November 27, and Thanksgiving evening the second was given in La Fayette. At Pandora all went well aside from the fact that nature's scenery was slightly distorted, the leaves springing from the ground and the leaves descending from the sky. Masculine witticism added to the jollity of preparation for the LaFayette rehearsal and the evening was highly enjoyed by both players and audience. The final performance at Bluffton was the most gratifying, for encouraged by the presence and applause of friends and home folks, each player was at his best. The pleasure, dramatic benefit and financial receipts derived fully justified the Juniors for their efforts and they warmly recommend such measures to succeeding college generations.



## The College Year

### Y. M. AND Y. W. RECEPTION

The first reception of the year was given Friday evening, Sept. 14, by the two Christian associations and was a success both as a meeting of the old and a greeting to the new students, a greater number being present than at any previous reception of this kind. The earlier part of the evening was spent in getting acquainted, and both Y. M. and Y. W. presidents welcomed the new students into the associations with stirring and impressive speeches. Dean Langenwalter closed the program by speaking at some length of the advantage to be gained by joining a Christian Association and in conclusion he emphasized the attraction in the manly "must" and winsome "will" of his famous acrostics "You must come across" and "You will come across." The disappearance of the eats and a spirited singing of our Alma Mater announced the close of perhaps the most successful reception of this kind ever given in Bluffton.

### STUDENTS' FRIENDSHIP WAR FUND

On November 7th Bluffton College made its drive to do its share in the raising of the Students' Friendship War Fund. The students proved themselves equal to the occasion and in one day the sum of \$1050 was raised. We are glad to note that out of the forty odd schools contributing to Ohio's pledge, Bluffton is among the three pledging \$1000 or more, and fully meeting their obligations.

### MUSIC AND LECTURE COURSE

In spite of Germany and the war, the Choral Society committee organized for its eighteenth season the most elaborate course it had ever offered to the public. October 1, Louis Kreidler appeared for the opening number followed on November 12 by the Tollefsen Trio, well known in the United States and Europe, being more accomplished along their line than any other like trio in the world. The Bluffton College orchestra and Choral Society then followed with their annual concerts but on account of pressing matters in foreign fields Carl Akerman was unable to appear. The amateur musical contest was a new feature inaugurated this year but proved itself a very appreciated and added attraction. Dr. S. H. Clark was also unable to appear, but Prof. D. W. Berky, the first American to cross the Sahara desert, was secured as a substitute. The May Festival was unusually successful in spite of the fact that the college orchestra was unable to give its concert, May 1. Ethel Leginska, however, who appeared May 8, surpassed all expectations and crowned the course with the most successful concert ever given at Bluffton. The Bluffton College Choral Society closed the program with a deviation from its usual course and sang a selection of modern classics, which proved very successful and highly entertaining.

### MESSIAH CONCERT

The oratorio of "The Messiah" written by Handel in 1742 was given its ninth annual rendition by the Choral Society and orchestra on Tuesday evening, Dec. 18. The performance reached a high standard and in some ways excelled any previous efforts. Director, leader, and soloists, all deserve individual mention. The chorus and orchestra did finely. Mr. Grubb sang the tenor solos and sang as they seldom are sung. Mr. Kohler, '17, bass, was at his best and sang splendidly. Miss Lugibill and Miss Basinger in their sweet, modest way, sang finely the parts which usually are essayed only by mature singers.

### ANNUAL BIBLE LECTURES

Dr. Edward McNeil Poteat of Furman University at Greenville, S. Car., delivered the annual Bible lectures to Bluffton College and community the past year. The lectures are gradually becoming to be recognized as one of the red letter events in the college year, and Dr. Poteat did much towards establishing this fact. Using "The Religion of the Lord's Prayer" and "The Doctrine of Property" as his subjects, he spoke before large and appreciative audiences twice each day and expounded with the skill of a master, the Scriptures.



Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra

## CHRISTIAN WORKERS' CONFERENCE

The second Christian Workers' Conference in the history of Bluffton College and Mennonite Seminary was held this year in conjunction with the annual Bible Lectures. The spirit among the churches of becoming personally acquainted has been responsible for this yearly conference and an increasing number of our people are availing themselves of this opportunity to compare plans and methods of better Christian work.

## MINNEAPOLIS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Bluffton and community were given a rare treat, May 29, when they were permitted to hear the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra in matinee program. This perhaps was one of the best musical performances ever staged in Bluffton.

## MAY DAY PROGRAM

Tuesday, May 28, 1918

1:30—Procession and Crowning of Queen

Music

May Pole Winding

Music

Stunts

3:30—Base Ball Game—Alethean vs Philomathean

5:00—Campus Luncheon

7:00—Evening Program

Music

The Man from Home—Ruth Ringelman, '19

Jazz Band

Violin Told—Aaron Myers, '20

Music

The Music Master—Ruth Krehbiel, '18

A Soldier's Dream

Miss Olga Kennel, '18, Trenton, Ohio—Queen of May

Miss Ruth Strubhar, '19, Washington, Ill.—Maid of Honor





MAY



DAY

The Throne



The May Pole



The Queen



The Procession



The Attendants





# THE LISTA



"The World must be made safe for Democracy."—Woodrow Wilson.



**Bluffton College Service Flag**

## TO BLUFFTON COLLEGE BOYS IN THE SERVICE:

**B**LUFFTON College is proud of all you boys who are in the service, doing your part toward "Making the World Safe for Democracy." We are proud of you that you are striving to retain the rights and liberties that we have been accustomed to cherish and enjoy, and that you are endeavoring to maintain the rights for which all true-blooded Americans always have stood.

We have a Service Flag containing fifty-two stars, and before another school year dawns our number in all probability will be doubled. We miss the cheery faces of all of you who used to be among us; to show you that we are appreciating your noble efforts and sacrifices, we knew of no better way of showing our respect than with a Service Flag. This flag of fifty-two stars has been placed in the hall of the first floor of College Hall. We see the flag each day, and are constantly reminded of the fact that you are out there "somewhere" willingly sacrificing your time, your education, and

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if need be your lives for the principles that we enjoy. No matter what your sacrifices are they will never be in vain. You have been especially favored above your fellows in being given an opportunity to serve mankind; to repay some of the many benefits that you have experienced from living under a free government; and to give your best to the defense of the theory of democracy. Not all of us will be given this privilege of sharing in this great struggle of autocracy against democracy, of might against right, of barbarism against civilization; but we are all united with you in spirit and mind for the ultimate triumph of the christian ideals for which we have always stood. Not all of us can take an active part as you are doing, but we are doing our best to provide you with all the pleasures, comforts and conveniences that we possibly can. We gave very liberally towards the Students' Friendship War Fund, and were one of the three Ohio colleges who pledged over \$1000, and fully met their obligations. We have tried to give liberally wherever we could; while we realize that you may get only our aid indirectly, someone else will share the benefits and be strengthened in the same way and for the same cause that you would be.

We at home often think of you fellows away out there, for we realize that we are all dependent upon you for our future safety. Often we have written to you, trying to cheer you and at the same time attempting to show you that we at home are backing you in all your noble efforts. We were sorry to see you leave us, but much as we want you with us we would rather a thousand times spare you than feel that possibly you were not faithful to the call of duty. We are not the only ones who are called upon to sacrifice, for we realize that every college in the nation has been doing her share and has felt keenly the loss of the very best of her boys. But we have all born this loss ungrudgingly, for we believe that when this war is over that this will be a brighter, better and nobler world in which to live no matter what the present cost and sacrifices may be. We miss you all in our various college affairs, in our athletics, in our literary circles, in social activities, and in the class room; but we trust that you are doing your bit as nobly somewhere as you did while you were with us, that you will always respect and revere the ideals that your college has endeavored to teach you. You were taught while at Bluffton College to reverence four ideals: God, the right, cleanliness, and your duty. Show yourself to be worthy of your training no matter what your work or environment may be. We know that your associates and influences are not always the best, but if you always will keep these four ideals uppermost in your mind you cannot stray far from the right. Give the best that the old college gave you; give it freely, cheerfully, and ungrudgingly.

We do not know when the war will be brought to a close; no doubt many who are not yet in the service will be sharing with you, ere another year has passed, many of the same sacrifices which you have been called upon to make. We who are at home do not know what sacrifice means. The sacrifice that we are asked to make in so many dollars and cents is nothing when compared with the sacrifices that you must give, and which you are doing so cheerfully and willingly. But may all strive for the same righteous goal, with the same earnest effort, and with the same ideals; and when the final victory is won, may you all be permitted again to take up the duties of civilian life. When it is all over and you find your way back to dear old Bluffton College—as we pray God all of you may—we who were left behind, will proudly and affectionately welcome you back to your own beloved Alma Mater, where you may start out again as upon a new life but with the assurance that the years which you gave to your country saved for all of us the many things that we had always loved and enjoyed.



## Where They Are

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| Lieut. J. S. Steiner,<br>Battalion 2, Co. 5,<br>Camp Greenleaf. Ga.                                | Pvt. Elmer Kennel,<br>Base Hospital,<br>Camp Sherman, Ohio.                           |
| Lieut. Rene Studler,<br>Brooks Field,<br>San Antonio, Texas.                                       | Pvt. John Geiger,<br>13th Co., 4th Training Battalion<br>Camp Sherman, Ohio.          |
| Sergt. Ralph Stearns,<br>Flying Cadet Hdq.,<br>Kelly Field, Texas.                                 | Pvt. Albert V. Birky,<br>118th Aero Squadron, 2nd Train Brigade<br>Kelly Field, Texas |
| Cpl. Harry W. Ramseyer,<br>Hdq. Co., 336th Field Art.,<br>Camp Pike, Ark.                          | Pvt. Harvey Beidler,<br>Base Hospital,<br>Camp Sherman, Ohio.                         |
| Pvt. Paul S. Welty,<br>Motor Amb. Co.,<br>Hoboken, N. J.   | Pvt. Orlo Bixel,<br>Base Hospital,<br>Camp Sherman, Ohio.                             |
| Pvt. Clayton E. Welty,<br>133 Replacement Battalion,<br>U. S. Marines, Am. Expdy. Force, via N. Y. | Albert Koch,<br>U. S. Navy.   |
| Pvt. Edwin Stauffer,<br>Co. D, 30th Engineers,<br>A. E. F., via New York                           | Pvt. Joel Sprunger,<br>Co. 23, N. Y.<br>Fort Hamilton, N. Y.                          |
| Pvt. Delbert Welty,<br>504 Aero Squadron,<br>Langley Field, Va.                                    | Pvt. Andrew Burcky,<br>15th Co., L. I. S.,<br>Fort Teny, N. Y.                        |
| Pvt. Noah Zuercher,<br>11th Co., 3rd Battalion,<br>Camp Taylor, Ky.                                | Pvt. Homer Kohli,<br>Base Hospital,<br>Camp Sherman, Ohio.                            |
| Pvt. Noah Soldner,<br>Medical Dept., Base Hospital,<br>Camp Taylor, Ky.                            | Pvt. Noah Messinger,<br>Base Hospital,<br>Camp Sherman, Ohio.                         |
| Pvt. Ira Sprunger,<br>11th Co., 159th Depot Brigade,<br>Camp Taylor, Ky.                           | Pvt. Armin Hauenstein,<br>Field Hospital,<br>Camp Sherman, Ohio.                      |
| Pvt. Scudder G. Welty,<br>Hospital Corps, Co. B—1,<br>Great Lakes, Ill.                            | Pvt. Vance Schreider,<br>Somewhere in France  |
| Pvt. Wilmer S. Shelly,<br>262 Aero Squadron,<br>Scott Field, Ill.                                  | Pvt. Homer Geiger,<br>Co. L, 330 Infantry<br>Camp Sherman, Ohio.                      |
| Pvt. Maxwell Griffith,<br>8th Aero Squad,<br>Selfridge Aviation Field, Mich.                       | Pvt. Levi Gratz,<br>Base Hospital<br>Camp Sherman, Ohio.                              |
| Pvt. Chas. S. Trachsel,<br>Att. Co. F. 351st Infantry,<br>Camp Dodge, Iowa.                        | Pvt. Fred Welty,<br>501 Aero Squadron,<br>Souther Field, Ga.                          |
| Pvt. Kyle Rader,<br>Co. 8, L. I. S.,<br>Fort H. G. Wright, New York.                               | Pvt. Edwin Hauenstein,<br>20th Co., 4th Regt. M. M. S. C.<br>Camp Greene, N. C.       |
|  | Pvt. Homer Basinger,<br>Co. I, 54 Inf. (reg)<br>Camp Wadsworth, S. C.                 |

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Pvt. Kenion Kaufman, Jefferson Barracks, Mo.	Pvt. Harry Montgomery, Camp Sherman, Ohio.
Oliver M. Kratz, Y. M. C. A. Secretary, New York City, N. Y.	Pvt. Harry Triplehorn, Camp Sherman, Ohio.
Pvt. Bryan Cotner, 146th Amb. Co., Camp Sheridan, Ala.	Pvt. Huber Jennings, Camp Sherman, Ohio.
Kimmel Thompson, U. S. Navy.	Pvt. Alvin Welty, U. S. Army,
Pvt. Oscar Luginbihl, Base Hospital, Camp Sherman, Ohio.	Pvt. Merle Miller, U. S. Army,
Pvt. Clifton Sprunger, Camp Taylor, Ky.	Pvt. Howard Devore, U. S. Army,
Pvt. Albert Winteregg, Ft. Benj. Harrison, Ind.	Pvt. — Diller, U. S. Army,
Pvt. Hiram Leichty, Camp Taylor, Ky.	Pvt. Clyde Augsburger, U. S. Army,
Pvt. Wesley Sprunger, Quartermast. Dept., Fort Hamilton, N. Y.	Pvt. Homer Sutter, U. S. Army,
Wilbur Bracy, Camp Sheridan, Ala.	Pvt. Daniel Albrecht, U. S. Army,
Pvt. Walter Grubb, Camp Grant, Ill.	Pvt. Ryle Radebaugh, U. S. Army,
Pvt. Hiram Kohli, Base Hospital, Camp Sherman, Ohio.	Lieut. Cloyce Hauser, U. S. Army,
Sergt. Harry Hall, U. S. Army	Herbert Berky, Camp Taylor, Ky.
Pvt. Arthur Amstutz, Somewhere in France	G. A. Lehmann, Camp Taylor, Ky.
Pvt. Wm. Powell, U. S. Army.	Harry Kohler, Camp Taylor, Ky.
Pvt. Monroe Geiger, Camp Sherman, Ohio.	Vernon Ramseyer, Camp Dodge, Ia.
Pvt. Chris. Lehmann, Camp Taylor, Ky.	Oswin Zuercher, Camp Taylor, Ky.
Pvt. A. C. Luginbill, U. S. Army	Jephtha Zuercher, Camp Taylor, Ky.
Pvt. Earl Good, Camp Sherman, Ohio.	Samuel Flueckiger, Camp Taylor, Ky.
Pvt. George Woods, U. S. Army	William Egly, Columbus Barracks, O.
Pvt. Jacob Huber, Camp Sherman, Ohio.	Ezra Moser, Camp Taylor, Ky.
	Oliver Schumacher, Camp Taylor, Ky.
	Clarence Lehmann, Camp Taylor, Ky.
	Harley Spangler, Camp Taylor, Ky.



Fred Bixel

## IN MEMORIAM

ON the morning of April, the twenty-seventh, the sad news was received that Fred Bixel had succumbed at Camp Sherman after a long illness of pleural pneumonia. Fred was always a faithful and loyal student of Bluffton College and was an esteemed friend of the Faculty and students. His character as a young man was exemplary and the admirable elements of his manhood were enviable. Along with his student life, Fred had ability as an athlete and did his part in upholding the literary standards of the Adelprians.

Early last fall Fred received the call to serve his country and he left with the first contingent for Camp Sherman. There he earnestly took up his work at the Base Hospital and because of his unswerving devotion to his country and work, he won the highest esteem from his officers. His active service ended in February when he was violently attacked by pneumonia, which kept him closely confined to his bed until death relieved him three months later. The general impression pervaded that Fred was slowly recovering, when a sudden relapse proved too much for his weakened body. His parents were unable to get to his bedside before his death.

Bluffton College, in order to show their deepest regards for this student and friend and in order to extend their heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family, held memorial services for Fred in the College Chapel. Dr. Mosiman spoke of the reward given for unselfish service and resolutions from the Adelprian literary society and from the students and faculty were read. As a token of honor to our country and friend, the service was impressively closed by singing "America."



## Somewhere

SOMEWHERE in France the first American forces are putting on the finishing touches in their training for the trenches. All are experienced men and fit for whatever they are destined to face. "Somewhere in France" these young men will soon take an active part that they may uphold an ideal for which this nation is fighting. They are glad to serve their nation. They feel they have as important a mission as the old Crusaders had. Soon they will hear the command to charge, unafraid and glad that their hour of supreme service at last has come, they will uphold every tradition of honor and courage and manhood which purifies the standard that leads them. "Somewhere in America" in some palatial mansion or the cozy village home or the humble country hut—the mothers and fathers of these boys and their sisters and brothers are wondering how it will be for those they love in that somewhere toward the rising sun.

"Somewhere in America" a son or husband or sweetheart is in training camp. If not in the training camp he is patiently awaiting his turn to be called to the same. These men virtually are the flower of our American manhood. All of these "somewheres"—the ones over there and the ones here at home—lie hidden behind curtains of secrecy.

Many will return from "Somewhere" overseas. Many of those who stay behind "Somewhere at home" will be here to welcome them back and nurse them or walk proudly with them. Some there and some here will have passed the portals of that unknown "Somewhere"—that goal of human hopes which the faith of the poet thus accepts:

"I know not where His islands lift  
Their fronded palms in air;  
I only know I cannot drift  
Beyond His loving care."

Bluffton College is not immune to the forces of the "Powers that be." We represent a people who would rather be among those "Somewhere in America" but it is evident that some of our friends are destined to be witnesses of the more impressive, if not the more tragic drama across the seas. These men, whether they stay or return will be better men. "God is melting the peoples anew in "Somewhere-land" and out of the refining fires will come a better world, a truer brotherhood, a broader sympathy, a deeper devotion: for character is being tried in the crucible in the country of "Somewhere" and service is being coronated, and sacrifice is being sanctified, and humanity is seeing God in a new way."

Those of us who remain "Somewhere in America" have to live our parts. We have no doubt but that the Christian training which these men received both at home and at school will mark them as men of influence for the good. Do they get our moral support? Are we thinking of them as men who take an active part in shaping the destinies of all peoples now and hereafter? If we do not realize this fact we are aiding our enemies just as surely as we would if we would publicly declare our allegiance to them. So, trusting that the cause be a just one, let us pray for peace; but we cannot have peace until the "God of War" is overcome and run off the earth. Militarism is the greatest enemy of the Prince of Peace. In order to consistently pray for the coming of peace we must at first lend our moral support to the overcoming of the soul of discord. We are firm believers in pacifism but in order to attain immortality we must sacrifice. In our souls we know that even the last measure of sacrifice gives the passport to the ranks of those immortal dead who, thru their sacrifices, live again in our minds, and thru their presence make them better. Thus, if not by choice, we are still compelled to strive against standards, which are not ours and which do not agree with the dictations of our consciences, in order that we may enjoy the ultimate freedom of thought and conscience.—The Witmarsum.



CPL. H. W. RAMSEYER



PRI. DELBERT WELTY



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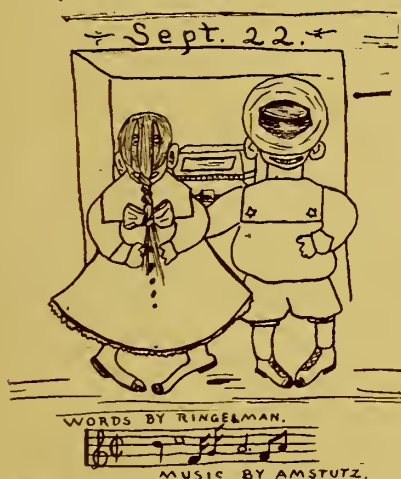


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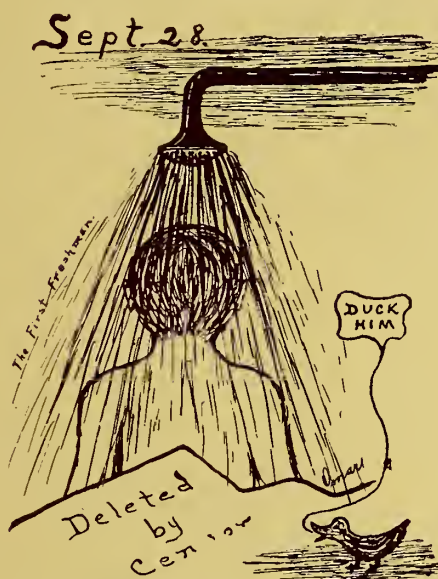
### SEPTEMBER

- 10 Monday—All roads lead to Bluffton.
- 11 Tuesday—Registration day. Lots of green material arrives.
- 12 Wednesday—Work begins. Dean Byers delivers opening Chapel address.
- 13 Thursday—First meeting of Ista Staff. Football association organizes at Homer Geiger's home—all in vain.
- 14 Friday—Y. W. and Y. M. reception.
- 15 Saturday—Faculty recital.
- 16 Sunday—First Vesper address given by Rev. Watkins.



- 17 Monday—First disaster in the dining room. Inquire of "Bill" Stauffer for particulars.
- 18 Tuesday—Bluffton soldier boys are given impressive send-off for Fort Sherman. Literary societies meet.
- 19 Wednesday—Choral practice.
- 20 Thursday—The day that the Juniors didn't have their class party.
- 21 Friday—The Dorm. girls see Carmen at the Star? ?
- 22 Saturday—Ladies have "backwards" party.
- 23 Sunday—All "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy."
- 24 Monday — Introductory program given for Kreidler recital.

- 25 Tuesday—Alethean-Athenians give open Literary program.



- 26 Wednesday—Chapel exercises in true Mennonite style — girls in Chapel, boys in reading room.
- 27 Thursday—Student Senate organizes.
- 28 Friday—Freshman receives first lesson.
- 29 Saturday—Y. W. girls on hike, giving boys "freedom of the seas" in the dining room. Anderson and Hobby take advantage.
- 30 Sunday—Rev. Bucher gives Vesper address.

### OCTOBER

- 1 Monday—Kreidler recital.
- 2 Tuesday—Philo-Adelphians give public program.
- 3 Wednesday—Dean Byers makes new regulations, viz., all boys must sleep between two sheets — no more, no less.
- 4 Thursday—Mr. Kratz and Miss Battles pose for picture. All rights reserved.



- 5 Friday—Y. M. social in Gym.
- 6 Saturday—President Mosiman returns from Western tour. Miss McPeak entertains girls at "marshmallow toast." Fellows lose another opportunity.
- 7 Sunday—Prof. Egly did not have a date.
- 8 Monday—Outlaw football has re-birth.
- 9 Tuesday—Mrs. Rhea Watson-Cable and Miss Gail Watson give Violin-Piano concert in Chapel. Mr. Cable is informed of Mrs. Cable's beautiful smile by Wm. Stauffer.
- 10 Wednesday — G. T. substitutes for Kratz. He and Beulah see "Birth of a Nation" at Findlay.

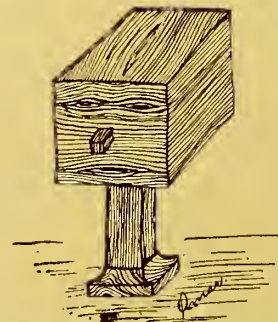


- 11 Thursday — Dr. Mosiman removes "pieces" from flag-pole. Thanks. We expect a new one. Girls remember Miss McPeak's birthday by greetings from Henry Van Dyke.
- 12 Friday—Winter's first snow.
- 13 Saturday—Music Hall inmates serenade Ropp Hall at 12:00 midnight. Not a girl remains in bed.
- 14 Sunday—Pres. Guyer of Findlay College gives Vesper address.
- 15 Monday—Glee Club and Band organize.
- 16 Tuesday—Helen S. after answering telephone call—"O, girls, you don't know what kind of a feeling I thought I had."
- 17 Wednesday—Literary rush. Freshman very popular.
- 18 Thursday—Neboisms—"You can have

a good college with foot ball and you can have a good college without foot ball." "If you can't get what you like, like what you've got."

- 19 Friday—Foot ball funeral. "Gone but not forgotten."
- 20 Saturday—Visitor — "What does a chaplain do anyway?" Freshman—"Oh, he gets up in Chapel every morning, looks over the student body and then prays for the college."
- 21 Sunday—Delegates leave for Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. War Relief Conference. Chicken is served at Ropp Hall.
- 22 Monday—Juniors have first play practice.
- 23 Tuesday—Fellows sign up for Chicago Ambulance Unit.
- 24 Wednesday—We enter campaign for a dry Ohio. Even the Pennsylvanians consider the matter.
- 25 Thursday—Bluffton quits pigskin business.
- 26 Friday — Rev. Bucher from Lima speaks at Y. M. and to the fellows in the evening.
- 27 Saturday—If it takes a body weighing 250 lbs. 43 seconds to fall 100 ft., how long will it take Bill Stauffer to fall from the Music Hall porch roof to the ground?
- 28 Sunday—Rev. Verity of the M. E. church delivers Vesper address. Some notice the disappearance of Hobby's mustache.
- 29 Monday—Edison tone test given by Ida Gardner.

Oct. 30



- 30 Tuesday—Seniors are finally allowed to have penny pictures taken to distribute among County and High School Superintendents.

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- 31 Wednesday—Students give Hallowe'en entertainment for Y. M. C. A. War Fund.

## NOVEMBER

- 1 Thursday—"Thirty days hath November," quoth the Ista Calendar Editors, heaving a sign.
- 2 Friday—Conservatory Students entertain Lima Women's Music Club. Soph. party at Moser's. Wanda B. and Harry W. are royally (?) entertained.
- 3 Saturday—Girls celebrate at Ropp Hall during Miss McPeak's absence. Dean Byers receives benefit from the same.
- 4 Sunday—Everyone enjoys a quiet Sabbath.
- 5 Monday—The following enroll in a two weeks' course in Campustry—Misses Battles, Betzner, Ulrich, M. Augspurger, F. Roth (2 1-2 wks.)
- 6 Tuesday—Miss Dorsey from the Boston School of Oratory entertains the Literary Societies.
- 7 Wednesday—Bluffton College raises \$1050.00 for Students' Friendship War Fund.
- 8 Thursday—Inter-Class basket ball series begin.
- 9 Friday—Metta Lehman (referring to Mr. Moyer from Pandora) "Yes, he is married and has two kids."

## DINING HALL ORIGINALITIES

Nov. 10.



- 10 Saturday—Olga Kennel has tooth pulled. Drinks soup thru a straw.
- 11 Sunday—First day of International Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. week of prayer.
- 12 Monday—Dad discovers that he must shave his mustache to play base horn in the College band.

- 13 Tuesday—The Day before Tomorrow.
- 14 Wednesday—Freshmen receive preliminary instructions in the art of basket ball. Score: Uppers 18-Freshmen 4.
- 15 Thursday—Grubbie visits B. C., Juniors celebrate for Auld Lang Syne.
- 16 Friday—Findlay Glee Club concert.
- 17 Saturday—Widow and Orphans' number of the Witmarsum makes its appearance.
- 18 Sunday—Cy scatters mattresses over campus.
- 19 Monday—Cy makes a confession.
- 20 Tuesday—Tollefsen Trio concert.
- 21 Wednesday—Bluffton College celebrates Mr. and Mrs. Thut's wedding anniversary.



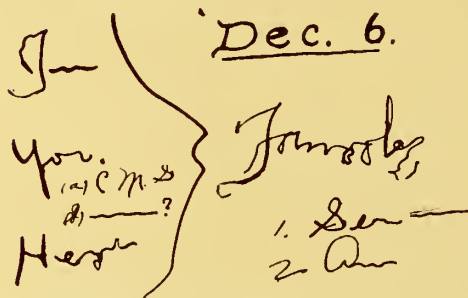
- 22 Thursday—Coach Kratz announces first varsity basket ball practice.
- 23 Friday—Floyd meets all Columbus cars. We wonder why?
- 24 Saturday—Bluffton beats Harlan 61-15 in practice game. "Virgil advocates" are punished for treason by Ropp Hall. Result—"We will cheer for Bluffton the next time."
- 25 Sunday—At 9:31 p. m. Bauman happens to think that she's a town girl and wishes that he had stayed longer.
- 26 Monday—Same old blue Monday.



- 27 Tuesday—To her surprise, the Juniors remind Erma of her 20th birthday.
- 28 Wednesday—Juniors find "At the End of the Rainbow" at Pandora.
- 29 Thursday—Lafayette had the best treat that it has had in fifty (50) years. Juniors give their class play. Ruth finds a cat in LaFayette.
- 30 Friday—The day after Thanksgiving.

## DECEMBER

- 1 Saturday—Florence L. discovers that it isn't wise to be too inquisitive.
- 2 Sunday—Lloyd decides that the longest way to Columbus is the best. So does Lelia.



- 3 Monday—Home Economics class celebrates Richards Day. If you have not received one of Mr. Grover T. Soldner's visiting cards, he would appreciate it if you would notify him at once.
- 4 Tuesday—Mr. Roth and daughters, Lelia and Freeda, visit International Stock Show at Chicago.
- 5 Wednesday—Eddie and Cy answer the country's call.
- 6 Thursday—Basket ball team leaves for Indiana on the 10:40. Lose to Hun-



tington 25-20. Dr. Smith illustrates a lecture in Sociology.

- 7 Friday—Concordia defeats varsity 24-18. Wanda sees Miller for the first time.



- 8 Saturday—"Bixie" finds soothing syrup in his suit case.
- 9 Sunday—Very stormy and cold; only the bravest go to church. Howe has his 199th date at Ropp Hall.
- 10 Monday—College girls do their "bit" by making Red Cross surgical dressings.
- 11 Tuesday—Juniors present class play at Bluffton.
- 12 Wednesday—Shelly and Delbert answer the country's call. "How it does hurt to see them go." — Miss Tschantz.



- 13 Thursday—Dr. A. E. Steiner gives a patriotic lecture. (This happened yesterday.)
- 14 Friday — Bluffton defeats Bowling Green Normal College 26-12.
- 15 Saturday—Roy Welty, '17, visits college friends, Miss Leete included. Sleighing party goes to Pandora.



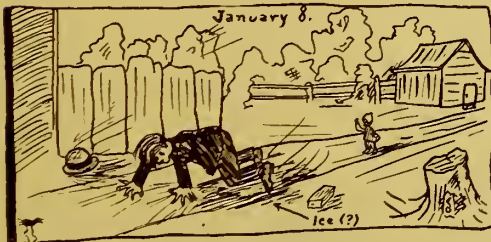
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Return at late hour; Miss McPeak is worried. Tschantz says that he did not get cold. Genevieve knows why.

- 16 Sunday—Customary religious services.
- 17 Monday—Y. W. gives Christmas musical. "The Little American" is given for Red Cross benefit.
- 18 Tuesday — Annual Messiah concert. Ringelman stars.
- 19 Wednesday—Gatty Sellars gives organ recital.
- 20 Thursday—Vacation begins; all go home who can.
- 21 Friday—Jan. 2—Vacation notes: Dr. and Mrs. Mosiman entertain the "waifs." Beulah also entertains the same crowd. Eastern Ohio is successfully invaded by the "Keiser." Soldner blows himself for roses. Lots of folks visit Berne. Anderson earns a sweater in Iowa. Prof. Egly takes a needed vacation, and is relieved from the "hum-drum" of dates. Olga receives jewelry for Xmas.

## JANUARY

- 3 Thursday—Vacation is over; everyone is back for work. Several new rings noticed. Short course begins.
- 4 Friday—Prof. Smucker leads Y. M.
- 5 Saturday—Mary Pickford stars in "Rebecca of Sunny Brook Farm." Pennsylvania Club banquets.
- 6 Sunday—Myers makes his weekly call at Ropp Hall.
- 7 Monday—All roomers at Men's Hall attend prayer meeting. Prof. Whitmer wonders if the rooms are all cold.



- 8 Tuesday—Students keep in touch with Mother Earth.
- 9 Wednesday—College Quartette goes to Mt. Blanchard. (This happened tomorrow.)
- 10 Thursday—Bluffton wallops Otterbein

33-27. College girls basket ball team defeats the High School 34-8.

- 11 Friday—Bluffton boys go to Pandora to see Otterbein defeat Pandora, but are disappointed. Several "dunces" walked home.
- 12 Saturday—BIG BLIZZARD, br-r-r-r; half holiday. Open house. Westerners have a breezy banquet.
- 13 Sunday—Speedy preaches at Ropp Hall.



- 14 Monday—Varsity practises against the city team.
- 15 Tuesday—Bixie in the German class can't find the girl for whom he is looking.
- 16 Wednesday—Olga Kennel comes to lunch on time.
- 17 Thursday—Findlay snowed under by Bluffton 47-23. The Band features.
- 18 Friday—Every one busy; exams start tomorrow.
- 19 Saturday—The faculty open heavy artillery operations early in the morning, and continue a deadly cross-fire the remainder of the day. No casualties reported. Soldner and Vondy use the telephone at a late hour. Profs. Smith and Thierstein answer late calls.
- 20 Sunday—No church because of fuel conditions. Ramsey's trunk makes a mysterious (?) trip to Ropp Hall. Rickert also suffers.
- 21 Monday—Huffman and Herman have an unknown visitor. Genevieve and Freda mysteriously disappear from Shepherd's fold.

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- 22 Tuesday—Ask Bill and Miller what happened today.
- 23 Wednesday—Registration day. Exams are over. Sleighing party visits Davidsons.
- 24 Thursday—School closes for the remainder of the week. Wenger leaves for Iowa. Y. W. social.
- 25 Friday—Sophs and Bible students have a sleighing party. Sophs spill. Wonder if you earned the dollar?
- 26 Saturday—Basket ball team defeats Toledo University, 33-21.
- 27 Sunday—Annual Bible lectures begin. Dr. Poteat has them in charge.
- 28 Monday—A heatless holiday.
- 29 Tuesday — Second semester opens. Freshmen are not quite so timid.
- 30 Wednesday—Miss Mueller discovers that Burcky has almost too big an opening in his face to speak real good French. Lillian arrives.



- 31 Thursday—Hiram wins from Bluffton, 26-22. Faculty representation was more than 99%. Some improvement.

## FEBRUARY

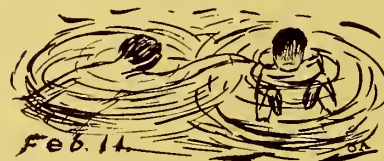
- 1 Friday—Prof. Adams suggests that we sing in chapel, and sets a good example. Annual Bible lectures close. Gustav Adolph Lehmann, A. B., Earlham and New York, Assistant Professor of Music, looks so dignified that Dr. Poteat refrains from embracing him.

- 2 Saturday—Bluffton defeats Wilmington. Score 33-14.
- 3 Sunday—Ground-hog saw his shadow yesterday.
- 4 Monday—Everyone was supposed to study today.
- 5 Tuesday—Donnie is sick; calls at the Dr. Steiner home.

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- 6 Wednesday—Subscriptions for the Ista begin to come in.
- 7 Thursday—Donnie is no better, calls at the Doctor's home again. (EDITOR'S NOTE: It is a very usual occurrence for Mr. Baumgartner to call twice during the week at Miss Steiner's home.)
- 8 Friday—Varsity loses at Wilmington, 26-29.
- 9 Saturday—Antioch wins from Bluffton at Xenia, 37-17.
- 10 Sunday—Team minus Kratz comes home. Teddy and Donnie are still among the regular callers at Ropp Hall.
- 11 Monday—Leo and Fuzz open the swimming season.
- 12 Tuesday—Music and Recitation contest. Ethel Steinman cannot win first with Myers in the ring.
- 13 Wednesday — Many hear Dr. Hillis speak at Lima on German Atrocities.
- 14 Thursday—Anderson leaves to pay the Kaiser an indefinite visit.
- 15 Friday—Prof. Berky is "presumably" interested in scientific lines. Grace M. E. is defeated by the Varsity, 40-21.



- 16 Saturday—Student Senate decides to purchase service flag.

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- 17 Sunday—Florence, Ramsey, Beulah, and G. T. visit Mrs. Davis at Gomer.
- 18 Monday—The event of this day is held a secret.
- 19 Tuesday—Several fellows admire (?) the verdant color of Prexy's rug.
- 20 Wednesday—State Normal wins from Bluffton at Bowling Green, 29-20.
- 21 Thursday—Bowling Green trip affects Kratz's nerves, and the fellows' stomachs.
- 22 Friday—Bluffton humbles Antioch to Coach Kratz's surprise. Score 36-29.
- 23 Saturday—Private Delbert Welty visits Bluffton College. Sophs celebrate in his honor.
- 24 Sunday—Olga and Berky, with Kratz as chauffeur, visit at Defiance.
- 25 Monday—Domestic Science girls go to Pandora for dates.
- 26 Tuesday—Kratz announces in chapel that the basket ball team won a game away from home. Won from Wittenberg last night, 26-19.
- 27 Wednesday—Myers was elected president of the Y. M., yesterday.
- 28 Thursday—Schryer calls out the fire department.

## MARCH

- 1 Friday—The mildness of the day tells us that spring is coming.
- 2 Saturday—A spell bound audience watches Bluffton defeat Capitol 32-30. And, o joy, no dateless weeks for



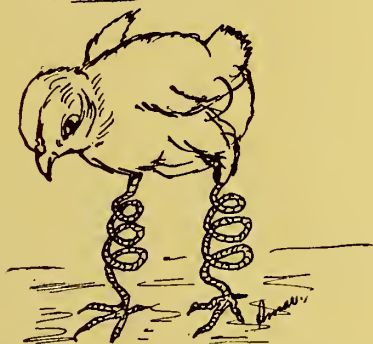
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Ramsey and Donnie.

- 3 Sunday—Rev. Huffman speaks at Vespers.

- 4 Monday—Franz leaves the parental roof of Mrs. Bogart's.
- 5 Tuesday—Meatless days are no longer a drudgery, because eggs are a good substitute.
- 6 Wednesday—Olga Kennel—"I am looking into the future for (a) 'change.' "
- 7 Thursday—Service flag is hoisted.
- 8 Friday—Bluffton holds her first basket ball tournament. Toledo University defeated by the Varsity, 30-15.
- 9 Saturday—Lima High and Lafayette High win first and second, respectively, in the basket ball tournament.
- 10 Sunday—No church services as a result of last night's tornado.

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- 11 Monday—Harvey Beidler spend a furlough with his Bluffton friends.
- 12 Tuesday—Joe H. to Mae H.—"Every dog has his 'Day'."
- 13 Wednesday—Choral Society meets for first time during second semester.
- 14 Thursday—Myers is opposed to having Bible class on Sunday afternoons.
- 15 Friday—The Varsity basket ball team closes its season by defeating Findlay, 26-19.
- 16 Saturday—Open house at the Music Hall and Men's Cottage. Girls enjoy a rare treat.
- 17 Sunday—Mr. Kratz teaches "Dad's" Y. M. Bible class. Grover T. S. refuses to attend. "Postum."
- 18 Monday—The first base ball practice is held on the diamond. Mrs. Mosiman entertains her Sunday School class.
- 19 Tuesday—The Sophomores show signs of weariness which are the effects of the party of the previous night.



- 20 Wednesday—Dean Byers announces Bluffton's plans of conferring honors to her future "scholars."
- 21 Thursday—Joseph Rediger and Estelle Lugibill take a view of the campus.
- 22 Friday—Professor D. W. Berky takes us over the Sahara on Camels' backs.
- 23 Saturday—Professor D. W. Berky gives an interesting lecture on African diseases and polar bears to the Science Club.
- 24 Sunday—Mr. Smith, a friend of Milton Sprunger, spends a few days with Lillian Lantz.
- 25 Monday—William Stauffer, singing in Glee Club practice: "Thomas had a Mary cat."
- 26 Tuesday—Glee Club makes its first debut in open literary.
- 27 Wednesday—It becomes necessary for Paul Adams to buy stationery prior to leaving Bluffton.
- 28 Thursday—Glee Club leaves for trip thru Ohio and Indiana. Easter vacation begins at 4 p. m.
- 29 Friday—Keiser "Bill" makes it known at the breakfast table that he is not "pestimistic."
- 30 Saturday—The fellows enjoy an egg roast at the gas jet. Andrew Burcky responds to the call of Uncle Sam.
- 31 Sunday—Bonnie Steiner bemoans the fact that she cannot have a date.

## APRIL

- 1 Monday—Theo. A. van der Smissen almost goes "over the top."
- 2 Tuesday—Miss Kettunen entertains the girls by giving a breakfast on the campus in honor of her sister.

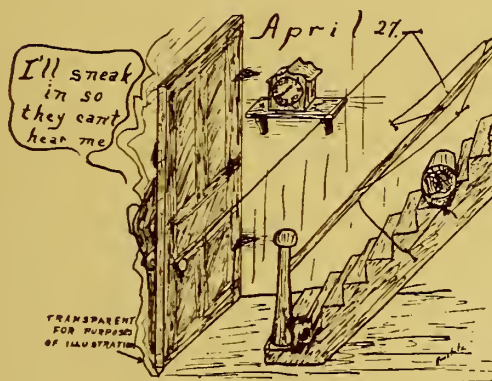
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*I am strong; I am Samson (?)*

- 3 Wednesday—Classes begin again and oh! how it makes us feel like studying.
- 4 Thursday—Returned missionary Jansen gives an illustrated lecture on Africa in chapel.
- 7 Sunday—An ideal day for G. T. and Beulah to go "Fording." Ask Olga or Prof. Berky which direction the wind blew Grover.
- 8 Monday—The sky is high and the wind is still blowing.
- 9 Tuesday—The Ista goes to press.
- 10 Wednesday—The Glee Club takes the house by storm in the home concert.
- 11 Thursday—Everybody is studying unusually hard.
- 12 Friday—The Varsity base ball team loses its first game of the season to Defiance 4-3.
- 13 Saturday—Coach Kratz leaves for his work in Y. M. C. A. in Italy.
- 14 Sunday—"The History of Taxation" is ably discussed by Hon. Frank C. Niles in Vespers.
- 15 Monday—Myers does not have a date.
- 20 Saturday—The secretary of the I. P. A. organizes the Bluffton prohibition forces.
- 21 Sunday—Mrs. Mosiman addresses the High School Y. W. C. A. in Vespers.
- 22 Monday—Capt. Wiard gives eugenics lecture. Predicts many engagements on the way home.
- 23 Tuesday—Bluffton's "nine" makes students realize the need of more base ball boosting—they lose to Findlay, 2-6.

- 24 Wednesday—Letters are presented to basket ball team by Dean Byers. Geiger also wins one in base ball.
- 25 Thursday—Faye Mason royally entertains the Juniors in honor of Homer Geiger.
- 26 Friday—Dr. Griggs takes us thru "The Valley of 10,000 Smokes." Groves goes early.



- 27 Saturday—Grover pulls the bucket at twenty minutes of two, a. m.
- 28 Sunday—Miss McPeak ably plays the role of Samson. For further information ask Howe.
- 29 Monday—Myers has a date again.
- 30 Tuesday—Many students attend the funeral of Fred Bixel.

## MAY

- 1 Wednesday—The Choral Society renders splendid spring concert.
- 2 Thursday—Myers can hardly wait until Sunday. (EDITOR'S NOTE: Guess he must have it bad.)
- 3 Friday—Y. M. is held on base ball field.
- 4 Saturday—Lelia Roth has an expectant smile. Why?
- 5 Sunday—Everybody takes advantage of an ideal spring day.
- 6 Monday—The High School commencement is well represented by College students.
- 7 Tuesday—Juniors take the prize in Philo-Adelphian literary contest.
- 8 Wednesday—Madame Leginska displays her excellent talents in piano concert. Bluffton defeats Heidelberg in tennis.
- 9 Thursday—Glee Club sings in Pandora. The flowers and Olga K. are such strong attraction that Prof. Berky is late for his chemistry class.
- 10 Friday—Bluffton drops a game to Bowling Green, 6-5.
- 11 Saturday—Glee Club gives concert at Camp Sherman. Myers orates in I. P. A. conference.
- 12 Sunday—"The Modern Calvary" is discussed by Rev. Butler in Vespers.
- 15 Wednesday—Tennis — Varsity vs Heidelberg.
- 18 Saturday—Base ball—Varsity vs Defiance. Tennis—Varsity vs Capitol.
- 20 Monday—Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra.
- 22 Wednesday (?)—Base ball — Varsity vs Findlay.
- 23 Thursday—Ruth Krehbiel gives her graduation recital.
- 24 Friday—Graduation recital by Bernice Bogart.
- 25 Saturday—Tennis — Capitol vs Bluffton. Graduation recital by Geneva Hiestand.
- 26 Sunday — Baccalaureate sermon by President S. K. Mosiman on "The Mystery of Godliness."
- 27 Monday—Reception to Senior class by Dr. and Mrs. Mosiman. Graduation recital by Ella Welty.
- 28 Tuesday—May Day festival. Inter-Society base ball game.
- 29 Wednesday—Class Day exercises.
- 30 Thursday — Memorial Day services. Base ball—Bowling Green vs Varsity. Alumni banquet.
- 31 Friday—Eighteenth annual commencement. President John W. Kliever of Bethel College gives the commencement address on the subject "In Life's Crucible."



## Jokes



### I. A FRESHMAN'S FIRST LETTER HOME

By George

....., Sept. 12,...

Deer Parrence:

Am having fun. I got to college after all and met a lot of guys I never new before. Say, the next time you send me a pear of socks please inclood my toothbrush as I forgot it and had to use my roommate's all this week.

My roommate is a nice enough guy but he snores in his sleep. He knows the algebra for lots of words. When I got off of the car some big guy yelled Hello Hayseed at me and I looked all over my clothes and I couldn't find one. I don't see what made him say that.

We get good grub here at a big house what they call the dorm. But some of the guys fight over the last piece of meat every time. I don't think that very mannerly do you, but maybe they haint been here so long as I have and don't know no better. I guess some of the perfessers noticed it too, cause they're givin' us guys whats called Freshies a kind of lectures on eatin. I tried to remember what they told us every-mouthful I et.

This here fountain pen writes pretty good what I got with my calf money. How's our old hen and her fourteen chickens? Did that old turkey hatch yet that we had settin' up there by the straw stacks on goose-eggs? I'll be awful glad to see all you folks about Christmas time.

I read a book the other day by a crazy ol' guy named Nietzsche and he said, "No small art is it to sleep; it is necessary for that purpose to keep awake all day." I think that's silly. Sometimes I get to thinkin about it and I can't hardly go to sleep. We got pretty good beds though only there haint no feathers in the mattresses. It's awful nice to stay at a dorm only there's so many guys here that don't believe in lettin' their



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studies interfere with their college life.

We had insulation of officers at a kind of a club what they call the Lit. It was awful impressing. Well as I have said about all I guess I shall close. Give my regards to the neighbors and tell them that I like college fine and to come and visit me as I am getting so I can show them around some.

Your loving boy,

George

## II. JUST BEFORE GRADUATION

(Also) By George

....., May 24, ...

Honored Progenitors:

I had my photograph taken at the most exclusive gallery in town. Somehow it looks so wooden; you know, from the shoulders up. Possibly you could deign to pay me a visit during Commencement Week. I have most of my paraphernalia consistently arranged and can manage to receive you at any hour. Are your quadrupeds still as vivacious as formerly?

I have almost obtained a position as chief secretary, in a lawyer's office, to the man who sweeps out the place. My friends all envy me my good fortune in securing this clerical position which seems to be a fine opening for further advancement along mechanical lines, although the pecuniary remuneration at present is certainly most humiliatingly unworthy of a person of my erudition and capabilities. Tell Evangeline if she comes I can't take her out in my Packard which I wrote her about as there are no spark plugs in town to fit it and I am having the left, rear wheel repainted and James is taking his vacation at present and the steering gears unfortunately caught on the reverse and it is a long and tedious job to disentangle them although I am spending all my leisure hours superintending the operation. However, there's a cute little fellow here with a Paige that just dotes on taking people out joy riding. Well, adieu, I must go to practice my oration.

Yours very respectfully,

T. George v. d. Schryer

## SOPHOMORE CLASS STATISTICS

Age—

Total—1020 years

Average—30 years

Weight of Heads—

Total—3 lbs.

Average—3-34 lbs.

Weight of Feet—

Total—1700 lbs.

Average—50 lbs. per pair

Size of Heads—

Total—3½

Average—10 (average is so high because several have lost their heads)

Size of Shoes—

Total—442

Average—13

Favorite Drinks—(Several imbibe nothing)

Mellin's Food

Borden's Malted Milk (prepared according to directions)

Paragoric

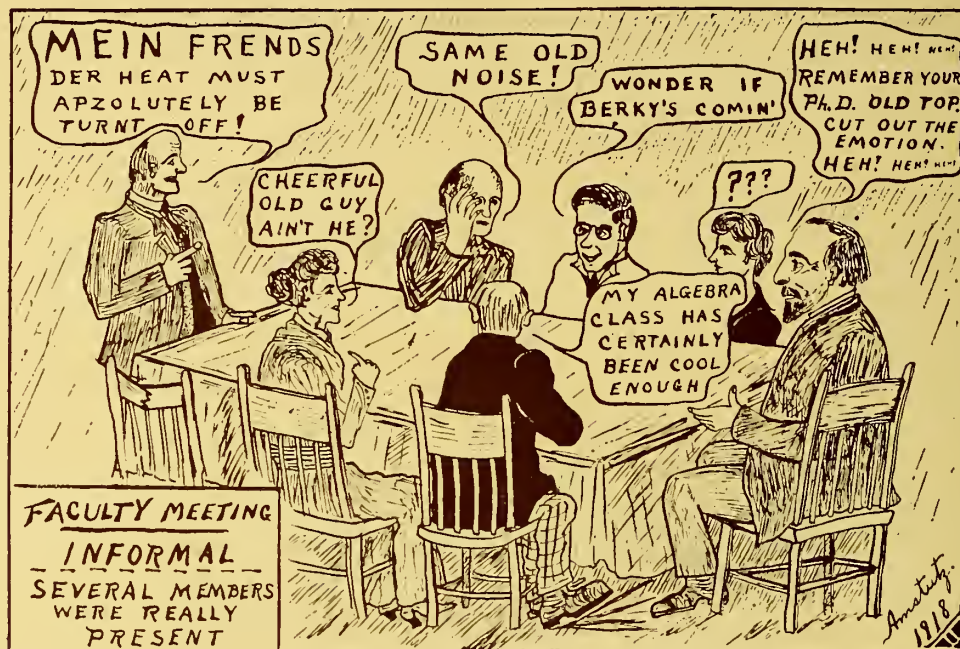
Postum (only fit for infants, invalids and mutts)

Expenses—

Total—5c per month (without meals)

Average—5-34c (conclusion is that they are tightwads)

Engaged—1 (Bony S.) answers rather indefinite; 10 trying their best to be



## FACULTY MEETING—A TRAGEDY

### Introduction

This tragedy—one of the most sublime creations of the author's genius—is taken from the original manuscript, having never been published before except in an unauthorized translation into the language of the Ghurkas of Russia, who use it to a large extent as a chant in their religious ceremonies.

The plot of this drama being far too fragmentary to permit of the usual brief outline, we shall proceed at once to the play proper without further preliminaries except to add that Professor Thaddeus Philander Schlotterbecht of the Schnabelgeshiel—gymnasiums Schule of Kirchenbrugge says that its keen portrayal of the beauties of nature has rarely if ever been equaled in any English work although the Malthusian poet, Corwell, approached it in his little comedy, "His Second Cup of Tea."

### PERSONNEL

S. M. Knowsaman .....	Prexy
W. H. Perky .....	Chemic
A. J. Ruffman .....	Argonaut
Father Adolf .....	Cheerful Guy
J. E. Hustler .....	Numerical Prodigy
H. G. Better .....	Edifying Instructor
Tom Tucker .....	Executionist
H. E. Wiggly (alias Bill) .....	Humorist

Gentlemen, laboratory instructors, ladies, assistants and Moyer. Hosts of students and other fixtures.

### ACT I

Scene I. [Near a bulletin board. Chorus of throaty voices. Chaos.]

Wiggly (reading notice)—Faculty meeting this evening at 4:45; room one.

Pshaw, I had a date for this evening but I've missed so many meetings that I've got to go to this one.

# THE LISTA

Adolf—Tee, hee, hee (slapping his leg.)

Tucker—Yeh! Gotta be there. Important business tonight. (Bell rings noisily.)

All—Well s'long. See you this evening. Got a class this period.

[Exeunt, in various directions.]

Scene II. Room I (and surrounding scenery.) [Straggling procession meanders up the Campus drive.]

[Enter Wiggly and Moyer wiping brows.]

Moyer—Well we're here.

Wiggly—Yes, we're here.

[Enter Knowsaman, Adolf, Better and others in rhythmic succession.]

Knowsaman (glancing at watch)—Only two and three-fifths minutes yet. I wish that everyone, ah! would ah, be as punctual as ah is possible.

(Adolph and Moyer move slightly in order to be noticed as present.)

Knowsaman—Well, ah (Enter Hustler hurriedly) Well, ah, we may as well ah come ah to order; at once. Where's Perky. He's almost ah always ah late. Oh here he is. (Perky is seen abstractly wandering up the sidewalk.) (He slowly enters the room.) Mr. Perky we will please have ah the ah minutes of the last meeting ah read.

Perky—There ain't no minutes from last meeting. We postponed all the business till this time and so I didn't write anything.

Ruffman—Quite true, I remember it very distinctly. I move that the minutes stand as said.

(General activity until motion is duly recorded.)

Knowsaman.—Well! We must bring up that business about the football playing. As Milton said: "To be or not to be, that is the question."

Ruffman—I think the matter was fully discussed the last time, at least it was very thoroughly debated both pro and con. In reality there is little argument against football [per se] but its effects are too disastrous to be tolerated. First, the ball is liable to become severely injured if not badly worn. Second, injuries to the players are always a possibility. Third, it inculcates a feeling of rivalry.

Hustler—That's true and well put. I move that we ban football from the category of collegiate or intercollegiate sports both with respect to this institution and to its sponsors.

Knowsaman—Second?

Better—I second the motion.

Knowsaman—Remarks?

(Silence; several very visible yawns.)

Knowsaman—If not, all in favor say Eye. (General chorus of assenting voices.) I declare the motion as carried. I shall appoint Mr. Perky to see that the petitioners for football playing be informed of our action. Is there any other business. (Silence.) If not our business is ah completed.

Tucker—I move that we as a body shall now adjourn.

Moyer—Hey! I—er—I second that.

Knowsaman—All in favor. (Stamping and slight jostling as occupants leave room.)

## ACT II

Scene I. Chapel Hall. Doors are open. [Morning procession marches slowly in followed by pall-bearers carrying the casket of the deceased football] [Silence reigns supreme.] (A student places casket gracefully upon rostrum.)

Tucker (on stage)—Let us sing Number 149.

(Songless silence follows.) (After exercises students are dismissed by a nod of the head.)

(Exit all.)

Scene II. The Campus. (Mourning procession winds slowly down a pathway



carrying football on wheelbarrow. A grave is dug and remains deposited.)

Student—Now, fellows, a little pep, please. (All sing “Should auld acquaintance be forgot.”) (Music ceases and “The lowing herd winds slowly o’er the lea.”)

Professors (smiling from windows)—Well, boys will be boys.

Editor’s Note: Owing to lack of space and also to the censor’s quill several extracts remarkable for their political significance have been excerpted. It is felt that this condensed version will in a way give quite a fair representation of the author’s style. Other books by the same author are in preparation and will soon be put upon the market. The author is known throughout the literary world as Rameses II Smith.

## THE FACULTY

As a Freshman first I saw them  
First I met them face to face  
Sitting sternly with their polished domes atilt;  
And I swore right there, “Heaven help me,  
I shall never be a Prof,”  
For their faces would have spoiled a crazy quilt.

I watched them in their classrooms,  
With their solemn owlsh mien,  
Cloaking ignorance in scientific terms;  
If that’s what comes of seasoning  
Heaven help me I’ll stay green,  
Or go to meet my fate and feed the worms.

And so I mused in silence  
As I watched the years go by,  
Till youthful joys had ceased to fascinate;  
And a still small voice within me seemed to speak to me and  
say,  
Old man it’s time for you to hibernate.  
So I listened to the warning of the messenger of time,  
Even yet his pungent phrasing makes me laugh;  
Tho the joke has hit me hardest I appreciate it yet,  
Yes, that’s what I have become, a college Prof.

College Foolishness Composer

## SENIOR FRUIT

**P**aul Welty

Grove **R** Soldner

Noah B **U**rkhalter

Men **N**o Lehman

Metta L **E**hmann

Ethel **S**teinman

## THINGS NOT POSSIBLE ON THE CAMPUS

For Dad and Adams to lead singing together in Chapel  
 For any girl to stay from Ropp Hall after 9:00  
 For all the Sophs to come to the Junior Class play  
 For the Varsity to win all it's base ball games  
 For Bill to look "stern" all of the time  
 For the faculty to refrain from giving tests  
 For us to keep from wanting to "swat the Kaiser."  
 For Franz to wear the same tie all day  
 For the students to attend everything  
 For us to refrain from buying Liberty Loan Bonds  
 For the upper classmen to enjoy the same privileges at Ropp Hall as do the Freshmen  
 For us to attend all the classes  
 For the Ista to put all the students in the Joke section  
 For Day to fuss without his doggie

## INSEPARABLES

Wulliman and twenty-five cents  
 Bonnie and Donnie  
 Rediger and his books  
 Sam and his cornet  
 Ted and Freeda (not even during a "campus")  
 Burcky and the girls  
 Stutz and the hospital  
 Dad and his mustache  
 Guth and loud shirts

Professor (to intelligent student)—"What is the hardest work on a farm?"  
 Student—"Cleaning out the barnyard."

Freshman—"Professor, may I just ask one more question?"  
 Patient Prof.—"Yes, my boy, just one more."  
 Freshman—"Well, then, how is it that while night falls, day breaks?"

"Since your son came home from college I suppose that he is strong for all kinds of uplift stuff?"

"Well, he is strong for raising a rumpus but never makes any effort to try to help lift the mortgage of the house."

DAD (at Glee Club practice as Franz gets up to leave)—"Well, what's your hurry?"

Franz—"I've got to go home and change my tie for dinner, this is the same one I had on at lunch."

Dr. Smith (in Socialism)—"Well, Mr. Schryer, give me a good definition for Socialism."

Glenn Schryer (after some hesitation)—"It's something like a joy ride."

Dr. Smith—"That is too individualistic."

Howe—"No, I think that's too dualistic."

Letter arrives at Music Hall addressed to the lady of the house. Rediger claims it.

Aaron Myers says that Y. W. affairs are the least of his troubles.

## CAN YOU IMAGINE

Dad and Adams with hair  
 Egly enjoying himself without Della  
 Anderson without red hair  
 Miss McPeak breaking rules  
 The Seniors looking dignified  
 Bluffton College with football  
 Freeda Roth obeying rules  
 Swartz when she isn't talking  
 Grover when he isn't selling life insurance  
 Miller to be short and fat  
 Rediger without a book  
 Howe preaching the gospel  
 Bixie when he wasn't the "goat"  
 Burcky serious  
 Boehr without a grin  
 Omar in a hurry  
 Kratz with little feet  
 Prof. Huffman cracking a joke  
 Bauman spooning  
 Hobby talking sense  
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Samuel Moyer—"Hey!"  
 William Stauffer—"Hang-it!"  
 Miss Streid—"O, dear!"  
 Theo. Scheid—" \* \* ? ? ! ! ! ? ? \* \*"  
 Ruth Ringelman—"Well, I didn't laugh, did you?"  
 Aaron Myers—"Yes, that's right, I never thot of that."  
 Mae Heller—"Such a beautiful day."  
 Joseph Rediger—"I am not going to the dogs!"  
 Omar Amstutz—"You crazy crumb."  
 Bonnie Steiner—"You nut!"  
 Prof. Egly—"You're a liar! ! !"  
 Ella Welty—"For Pete's sake!"  
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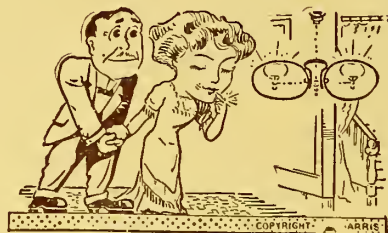
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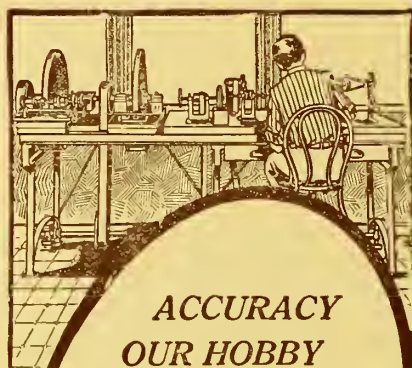




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